

ADKISON - CARPENTER

## *Descendants of William Wilson Defibaugh*

**William Wilson Defibaugh**

**+Renetta Ritchie**

..... 2 David Jeminson Defibaugh b: April 29, 1857 in Clifton Forge, Va. d: August 08, 1936 in Clifton Forge, Va.

..... - Sarah Margaret Jackson b: June 10, 1860 d: June 17, 1951

..... 3 Ellen Stella Defibaugh b: July 16, 1882 d: January 05, 1905

..... - Charlie Shellie

..... 4 Frank Shellie

..... 3 Joseph Harrison Defibaugh b: June 17, 1884 d: December 12, 1960

..... 3 Earnest Dwyer Defibaugh b: May 24, 1886 in Natural Wells Va. d: November 14, 1967 in Marlinton, W.Va

..... - Mary Hannan Susan Sharp b: May 19, 1882 in Frost, W.Va d: October 05, 1966 in Marlinton, W.Va

..... 4 Wilson William Defibaugh b: May 08, 1912 in Irongate, Va.

..... - Mary Jane Waugh b: February 17, 1915 in Thorney Creek, W.Va d: November 04, 1992 in Marlinton, W.Va

..... 5 Donald Berlis Defibaugh b: April 12, 1935 in Marlinton, W.Va

..... - Ramona Lee Hill b: February 04, 1937 in Marlinton, W.Va d: May 18, 1987 in Grafton, O.H.

..... 6 Debra Maria Defibaugh b: January 19, 1956 in Marlinton, W.Va

..... - Terry Clifford Lynn b: August 26, 1952 in Brownsville, Pennsylvania

..... - Justin Richard Lynn b: May 24, 1981 in Elyria, O.H.

..... 6 Donita Kay Defibaugh b: August 14, 1957 in Marlinton, W.Va d: December 11, 1965 in Marlinton, W.Va

..... 5 Lemuel Joe Defibaugh b: July 21, 1936

..... - Sharon Jean Hill b: March 02, 1941 in Edray, W.Va

..... 6 Laura Jean Defibaugh b: April 25, 1957 in Goldsboro, North Carolina

..... - Thomas Mark McLaughlin b: August 07, 1953

..... - Mark Wayne McLaughlin b: April 24, 1979

..... 6 Sherry Jo Defibaugh b: June 20, 1958

..... - Michael Timmons

..... \*2nd Husband of Sherry Jo Defibaugh:

..... - Mick Abernathy b: September 04, 1956

..... 6 Linda Lee Defibaugh b: September 07, 1963

..... - Randolph Jefferson Atkins b: February 16

..... - Amanda Nicole Atkins b: February 17, 1987

..... - Randolph Jefferson Atkins III b: April 24, 1989

..... 6 L. Joe Dean b: July 16, 1960

..... - Vicki Dean

..... \*2nd Wife of Lemuel Joe Defibaugh:

..... - Sally Jane Junglas b: May 13, 1943 in Elyria, O.H.

..... 6 Diana Lynn Defibaugh b: April 25, 1967

..... - Steve Conner

-Michael Timmons

\*2nd Husband of Sherry Jo Defibaugh:

-Mick Abernathy b: September 04, 1956

6 Linda Lee Defibaugh b: September 07, 1963

-Randolph Jefferson Atkins b: February 16

-Amanda Nicole Atkins b: February 17, 1987

-Randolph Jefferson Atkins III b: April 24, 1989

6 L. Joe Dean b: July 16, 1960

-Vicki Dean

\*2nd Wife of Lemuel Joe Defibaugh:

-Sally Jane Junglas b: May 13, 1943 in Elyria, O.H.

6 Diana Lynn Defibaugh b: April 25, 1967

-Steve Conner

-Joey Conner

-Madison Lee Conner b: February 14, 1994

6 Julie Ann Defibaugh b: July 11, 1974

5 Wanda Jewel Defibaugh b: August 05, 1938

-Alfred Ulysses Thomas b: July 11, 1933

6 Timothy Shane Thomas b: October 20, 1958 in Marlinton, W.Va

-Judith Jane Dangerfield b: January 15, 1964 in Berca, Ohio

-Joshua Steven Moomaw b: September 19, 1983

-Jeremy Davis Moomaw b: October 14, 1986

\*2nd Wife of Timothy Shane Thomas:

+Carol Louise Kohl

-Timothy Shane Thomas J.R. b: November 08, 1986

6 Kimberly Jayne Thomas b: September 14, 1960

+Joseph Alan Plaso b: February 23, 1960

-Erica Nicole Plaso b: December 29, 1985

-Joseph Tyler Plaso b: August 06, 1987

6 William Guy Thomas b: April 26, 1966

-Ina Keller

-Cory Shane Thomas b: December 06, 1984

-Kristen Nicole Thomas b: May 31, 1990

5 Nancy Carol Defibaugh b: November 13, 1939

-Robert Homan b: June 10, 1939

6 Mary Teresa Homan b: January 02, 1960

-Jim Bella

-Stephanie Steele b: November 15, 1981

-Trey Steele b: April 18, 1983

6 Barbra Lynn Homan b: February 15, 1961

-Joe Smith b: November 27, 1960

-Lee Renee Smith b: February 04, 1980

..... 7 Mary Susan Thomas b: December 06, 1984  
 ..... 7 Kristen Nicole Thomas b: May 31, 1990  
 ..... 5 Nancy Carol Desibaugh b: November 13, 1939  
 ..... -Robert Homan b: June 10, 1939  
 ..... 6 Mary Teresa Homan b: January 02, 1960  
 ..... -Jim Bella  
 ..... 7 Stephanie Steele b: November 15, 1981  
 ..... 7 Trey Steele b: April 18, 1983  
 ..... 6 Barbra Lynn Homan b: February 15, 1961  
 ..... -Joe Smith b: November 27, 1960  
 ..... 7 Joe Pence Smith b: February 04, 1980  
 ..... 7 Paul Smith b: January 30, 1984  
 ..... 7 Lauren Elizabeth Smith b: April 30, 1993  
 ..... 6 John David Homan b: September 29, 1964  
 ..... +Lucy Madeline Brookhart b: July 19, 1967  
 ..... 6 Lisa Ann Homan b: February 01, 1967  
 ..... -Scott Stewart  
 ..... 7 Ryan Stewart  
 ..... 5 Shirley Roanne Desibaugh b: April 13, 1941  
 ..... -Lowell Thomas Mouser b: October 17, 1934  
 ..... 6 William Clark Mouser b: July 25, 1961  
 ..... -Elizabeth Mouser  
 ..... 7 Anastasia Marie Mouser b: March 19, 1990  
 ..... 7 Jacob William Mouser b: August 17, 1991  
 ..... 6 Winston Spencer Mouser b: March 09, 1965  
 ..... -Theresa Mouser  
 ..... 6 Jessica Lenore Mouser b: August 22, 1970  
 ..... 7 Nicholas Anthony Thomas Basso b: November 11, 1994  
 ..... 5 William Clayton Desibaugh b: April 21, 1943 in Marlinton .W.Va d: July 28, 1956 in Brandywine, W.Va  
 ..... 5 Bonnie Sue Desibaugh b: July 19, 1944 in Marlinton .W.Va  
 ..... -Darel Lee Underwood b: December 02, 1938 in Marlinton .W.Va  
 ..... 6 Rebecca Gail Underwood b: February 24, 1964  
 ..... +Kevin Jay Myers b: September 24, 1964  
 ..... 7 Amanda Rae Myers b: April 09, 1987 in Elyria, O.H.  
 ..... 7 Cristan Renae Myers b: October 16, 1988 in Elyria, O.H.  
 ..... 7 Lauren Nicole Myers b: October 26, 1992 in Elyria, O.H.  
 ..... 6 Trena Lynn Underwood b: September 11, 1966  
 ..... +Edward Albrecht  
 ..... 6 Brian Lee Underwood b: April 03, 1971  
 ..... 4 Sterling Winters Desibaugh b: January 10, 1915 in Marlinton .W.Va d: March 17, 1915 in Marlinton .W.Va  
 ..... 4 Sterling Winters Desibaugh b: January 10, 1915 in Marlinton .W.Va d: April 01, 1973 in Roanoke .Va



..... 7 Ryan Stewart  
 ..... 5 Shirley Roanne Desibaugh b: April 13, 1941  
 ..... - Lowell Thomas Mouser b: October 17, 1934  
 ..... - Anastasia Marie Mouser b: March 19, 1966  
 ..... - Jacob William Mouser b: August 17, 1991  
 ..... 6 Winston Spencer Mouser b: March 09, 1965  
 ..... - Theresa Mouser  
 ..... 6 Jessica Lenore Mouser b: August 22, 1970  
  
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 ..... 5 William Clayton Desibaugh b: April 21, 1943 in Marlinton .W.Va d: July 28, 1956 in Brandywine, W.Va  
 ..... 5 Bonnie Sue Desibaugh b: July 19, 1944 in Marlinton .W.Va  
 ..... - Darel Lee Underwood b: December 02, 1938 in Marlinton .W.Va  
 ..... 6 Rebecca Gail Underwood b: February 24, 1964  
 ..... - Kevin Jay Myers b: September 24, 1964  
 ..... 7 Amanda Rae Myers b: April 09, 1987 in Elyria, O.H.  
 ..... 7 Cristan Renae Myers b: October 16, 1988 in Elyria, O.H.  
 ..... 7 Lauren Nicole Myers b: October 26, 1992 in Elyria, O.H.  
 ..... 6 Trena Lynn Underwood b: September 11, 1966  
 ..... - Edward Albrecht  
 ..... 6 Brian Lee Underwood b: April 03, 1971  
 ..... 4 Sterling Winters Desibaugh b: January 10, 1915 in Marlinton .W.Va d: March 17, 1915 in Marlinton W.Va  
 ..... 4 Marquis Elwood Desibaugh b: March 08, 1916 in Marlinton .W.Va d: April 01, 1973 in Roanoke .Va  
 ..... - Oleta Belle Sharp  
 ..... 5 Linda Arbutus Desibaugh b: January 23, 1947  
 ..... 5 Morgan Rayburn Desibaugh b: December 14, 1948  
 ..... 5 Larry Carson Desibaugh b: July 16, 1950 in Marlinton .W.Va d: September 02, 1988 in Roanoke .Va  
 ..... 5 Gloria Phayola Desibaugh b: July 28, 1952  
 ..... 5 Phyllis Veronica Desibaugh b: July 06, 1954  
 ..... 5 Norvella Sonia Desibaugh b: December 07, 1956  
 ..... 5 Sidney Warren Desibaugh b: March 08, 1959  
 ..... - Patricia Desibaugh  
 ..... 5 Hershel Alton Desibaugh b: October 10, 1961  
 ..... 5 Nelson Daniel Desibaugh b: December 17, 1964  
 ..... 4 Andy Varon Desibaugh b: December 20, 1919 in Trammel, Va d: August 20, 1920 in Trammel, Va  
 ..... 4 Violee Desibaugh b: May 20, 1922 in Trammel, Va  
 ..... - Parker Gibson  
 ..... - Husband of Violee Desibaugh

4 Sterling Winters Desibaugh b: January 10, 1915 in Marlinton, W.Va d: March 17, 1915 in Marlinton, W.Va  
4 Marquis Elwood Desibaugh b: March 08, 1916 in Marlinton, W.Va d: April 01, 1973 in Roanoke, Va  
-Olga Belle Sharp

5 Linda Arbutus Desibaugh b: January 23, 1947

5 Morgan Rayburn Desibaugh b: December 14, 1948

5 Larry Carson Desibaugh b: July 16, 1950 in Marlinton, W.Va d: September 02, 1988 in Roanoke, Va

5 Gloria Phayola Desibaugh b: July 28, 1952

5 Phyllis Veronica Desibaugh b: July 06, 1954

5 Norvella Sonia Desibaugh b: December 07, 1956

5 Sidney Warren Desibaugh b: March 08, 1959

-Patricia Desibaugh

5 Hershel Alton Desibaugh b: October 10, 1961

5 Nelson Daniel Desibaugh b: December 17, 1964

4 Andy Aaron Desibaugh b: December 20, 1919 in Trammel, Va d: August 20, 1920 in Trammel, Va

4 Violee Desibaugh b: May 20, 1922 in Trammel, Va

-Parker Gibson

\*2nd Husband of Violee Desibaugh:

-Woodrow Clarence Ray b: January 21, 1915 in Clover Lick, W.Va

5 Ernest Clarence Ray b: May 30, 1939 in Marlinton, W.Va d: September 05, 1939 in Marlinton, W.Va

5 Helen Louise Ray b: August 07, 1940 in Clover Lick, W.Va

-Donald Edward Keegan b: July 15, 1954 in New York City, N.Y

6 Jeanne Louisa Keegan b: April 13, 1960

6 Paul Edward Keegan b: April 17, 1963

5 Delbert Calvin Ray b: March 26, 1942 in Marlinton, W.Va d: April 07, 1942 in Marlinton, W.Va

5 Jacob Benjamin Ray b: August 04, 1943 in Marlinton, W.Va

-Eva Ennis Caudill b: July 27, 1935

6 Molly Ellen Ray b: August 30, 1964

\*2nd Wife of Jacob Benjamin Ray:

-Diana Lynn Tawney b: January 06, 1960

6 Lena Marie Ray b: August 13, 1982

..... 6 George Lucas Ray b: August 06, 1984  
 ..... 6 Jacob Wesley Ray b: December 18, 1985  
 ..... 5 Margaret Ann Ray b: October 02, 1944 in Cleveland, O.H.  
 ..... - Glen Roscoe Corbett b: December 10, 1931 d: May 24, 1980 in Cass, W.Va  
 ..... 6 Henry Dale Ray b: January 22, 1962  
 ..... 6 Glen Roscoe Corbett J.R. b: December 17, 1963  
 ..... 6 James Omer Corbett b: February 10, 1965  
 ..... 6 John Amos Corbett b: March 28, 1966  
 ..... 6 David Andrew Corbett b: August 10, 1967  
 ..... 6 Anna Mae Corbett b: February 12, 1970  
 ..... 5 Ronald Bernard Ray b: November 18, 1945  
 ..... - Betty Louise Hart b: June 16, 1944  
 ..... 6 Elizabeth Diane Ray b: August 07, 1971  
 ..... 5 Mary Ellen Ray b: February 12, 1947  
 ..... - Darrell Olsen  
 ..... \*2nd Husband of Mary Ellen Ray:  
 ..... - Darrell Hollaway  
 ..... \*3rd Husband of Mary Ellen Ray:  
 ..... - John Benjamin White b: March 10, 1941 in Huntington, W.Va  
 ..... 6 Shawna Jean White b: February 16, 1966  
 ..... 6 John Shane White b: September 28, 1967  
 ..... 6 Jeno Shannon White b: July 14, 1969  
 ..... 5 (Still Birth) Ray b: June 30, 1948 d: June 30, 1948  
 ..... 5 Darlene Hazel Ray b: August 28, 1949  
 ..... - Wilbur Joe Cassell b: March 29, 1942  
 ..... 6 Ronda Lynn Cassell b: October 27, 1968  
 ..... 5 (Miscarriage) Ray b: July 1950 d: July 1950  
 ..... 5 Sally Kay Ray b: August 20, 1951  
 ..... - David Tipton  
 ..... 6 Shelia Ann Tipton b: November 11, 1968  
 ..... 6 Violet Florence Tipton b: May 05, 1970  
 ..... \*2nd Husband of Violet Florence Tipton:

..... Ray b: June 30, 1948 d: June 30, 1948  
 ..... 5 Darlene Hazel Ray b: August 28, 1949  
 ..... -Wilbur Joe Cassell b: March 29, 1942  
 ..... 6 Ronda Lynn Cassell b: October 27, 1968  
 ..... 5 (Miscarriage) Ray b: July 1950 d: July 1950  
 ..... 5 Sally Kay Ray b: August 20, 1951  
 ..... -David Tipton  
 ..... 6 Shelia Ann Tipton b: November 11, 1968  
 ..... 6 Violet Florence Tipton b: May 05, 1970  
 ..... \*2nd Husband of Sally Kay Ray:  
 ..... -James Allen Gibson b: July 07, 1948  
 ..... 6 Jamie Allen Gibson b: July 24, 1971  
 ..... 6 John Anthony Gibson b: June 20, 1974  
 ..... 6 Christopher Harlan Gibson b: March 16, 1976  
 ..... 5 Ernestine Sue Ray b: February 21, 1953 in Marlinton, W.Va  
 ..... -Eddie Clark Hannah b: February 07, 1947 in Marlinton, W.Va  
 ..... 6 Tammi Sue Hannah b: November 27, 1971 in Marlinton, W.Va d: November 26,  
 ..... 5 Charles Woodrow Ray b: May 07, 1954 in Deer Creek, W.Va  
 ..... -Rebecca Sue Stanley b: July 30, 1959  
 ..... 6 Crystal Gayle Ray b: June 30, 1979  
 ..... 6 Charles Woodrow Ray b: July 12, 1980  
 ..... 5 Virginia Grace Ray b: October 29, 1955  
 ..... -Calvin Lynn Wilcox b: May 10, 1947  
 ..... 6 Craig Lynn Wilcox b: February 13, 1971  
 ..... 5 Barbara Lee Ray b: December 21, 1957  
 ..... -Owen Jacob Gragg b: May 05, 1949  
 ..... 6 Beverly Dawn Gragg b: November 15, 1976  
 ..... 6 Amanda Marie Gragg b: February 15, 1979  
 ..... 6 Owen Jacob Gragg J.R. b: September 17, 1982  
 ..... 5 Della Marie Ray b: December 12, 1959 in Marlinton, W.Va  
 ..... +David Michael Rider b: June 30, 1956  
 ..... 6 Joseph Michael Rider b: January 04, 1981  
 ..... 5 Frances Rosalene Ray b: July 30, 1961  
 ..... +Freddie Lee (Pete) Tawney b: September 18, 1955  
 ..... 6 Richard Andrew Ray b: May 06, 1979  
 ..... 6 Minnie Jo Tawney b: June 10, 1984  
 ..... 6 Tawney, T. b: March 22, 1989



..... 5 Virginia Grace Ray b: July 15, 1980  
 ..... - Calvin Lynn Wilcox b: May 10, 1947  
 ..... 6 Craig Lynn Wilcox b: February 13, 1971  
 ..... 5 Barbara Lee Ray b: December 21, 1957  
 ..... - Owen Jacob Gragg b: May 05, 1949  
 ..... 6 Beverly Dawn Gragg b: November 15, 1976  
 ..... 6 Amanda Marie Gragg b: February 15, 1979  
 ..... 6 Owen Jacob Gragg J.R. b: September 17, 1982  
 ..... 5 Della Marie Ray b: December 12, 1959 in Marlinton, W.Va  
 ..... - David Michael Rider b: June 30, 1956  
 ..... 6 Joseph Michael Rider b: January 04, 1981  
 ..... 5 Frances Rosalene Ray b: July 30, 1961  
 ..... - Freddie Lee (Pete) Tawney b: September 18, 1955  
 ..... 6 Richard Andrew Ray b: May 06, 1979  
 ..... 6 Minnie Jo Tawney b: June 10, 1984  
 ..... 6 Freddie Lee Tawney J.R. b: March 22, 1989  
 ..... 5 Johnny Cash Ray b: November 21, 1962  
 ..... 5 (Miscarriage) Ray b: September 29, 1965 d: September 29, 1965  
 ..... 5 Nellie Nolene Ray b: May 28, 1967  
 ..... 4 Delbert Davis Defibaugh b: September 24, 1924 d: January 19, 1979 in Marlinton, W.Va  
 ..... - Yvonne Mairie Monreau  
 ..... 5 Ernest Delbert Defibaugh b: September 26, 1945 in Marne, France d: August 11, 1991 in Dunmore, Pa  
 ..... - Betty Marie Hevener  
 ..... 6 Delbert Dan Defibaugh  
 ..... + Katrina Yvette Burdette  
 ..... 7 Jerrell Delbert Defibaugh  
 ..... 7 Kenneth Edward Defibaugh  
 ..... 7 Danelle Nicole Defibaugh  
 ..... 6 Bettie Lou Defibaugh  
 ..... + Gary Rexrode  
 ..... 7 Earnest James Rexrode  
 ..... 6 Rose Defibaugh  
 ..... \*2nd Wife of Delbert Davis Defibaugh:  
 ..... + Susan Elenor Friel  
 ..... 5 Davis Dale Defibaugh  
 ..... 4 Erma Nell Defibaugh b: March 15, 1927 in Marlinton, W.Va  
 ..... - Allen Wilfong b: October 10, 1942 d: July 09, 1969 in Eastport, New York

..... - Hunter Burdette  
..... - Jerrell Delbert Desibaugh  
..... - Kenneth Edward Desibaugh  
..... - Danelle Nicole Desibaugh  
..... 6 Betty Lou Desibaugh  
..... - Gary Rexrode  
..... - Ernest James Rexrode  
..... 6 Rose Desibaugh  
..... \*2nd Wife of Delbert Davis Desibaugh:  
..... - Susan Eleanor Friel  
..... - Davis Duke Desibaugh  
..... 4 Erma Nell Desibaugh b: March 15, 1927 in Marlinton, W.Va  
..... - Hunter Allen Wilfong  
..... 5 Ernest James (Buck) Wilfong b: November 10, 1942 d: July 09, 1969 in Eastport, New York  
..... - Marjorie Ann Lowe  
..... 6 Lisa Marie Wilfong  
..... 5 Robert Allen Wilfong b: November 18, 1946  
..... - Sandra Kaye Coursey  
..... \*2nd Husband of Erma Nell Desibaugh:  
..... - Stanley Hunter Fitzgerald  
..... 5 Jerry Lee (Biff) Fitzgerald b: May 17, 1950  
..... - Carolyn Elizabeth Elza  
..... 6 Leslie Ann Fitzgerald  
..... 6 Carol Lee Fitzgerald  
..... 5 Howard Ashby (Booz) Fitzgerald b: April 03, 1952  
..... - Victoria Lynn Macomber  
..... 6 Debra Ann Fitzgerald  
..... 6 Howard Ashby Jr. Fitzgerald  
..... \*2nd Wife of Howard Ashby (Booz) Fitzgerald:  
..... - Kelly Miranda  
..... 5 Belinda Sue Fitzgerald b: July 16, 1953  
..... - Harold Eugene Simmons  
..... 6 Harold Eugene Jr. Simmons  
..... \*2nd Husband of Belinda Sue Fitzgerald:  
..... - Warren Henry Ryder  
..... 6 Susan Ruth Ryder



..... +Sandra Faye Coursey  
..... \*2nd Husband of Erma Nell DeSibaugh:  
..... -Stanley Hunter Fitzgerald  
..... 5 Jerry Lee (Biff) Fitzgerald b: May 17, 1950  
..... -Carolyn Elizabeth Elza  
..... 6 Leslie Ann Fitzgerald  
..... 6 Carol Lee Fitzgerald  
..... 5 Howard Ashby (Booz) Fitzgerald b: April 03, 1952  
..... -Victoria Lynn Macomber  
..... 6 Debra Ann Fitzgerald  
..... 6 Howard Ashby Jr. Fitzgerald  
..... \*2nd Wife of Howard Ashby (Booz) Fitzgerald:  
..... -Kelly Miranda  
..... 5 Belinda Sue Fitzgerald b: July 16, 1953  
..... -Harold Eugene Simmons  
..... 6 Harold Eugene Jr. Simmons  
..... \*2nd Husband of Belinda Sue Fitzgerald:  
..... -Warren Henry Ryder  
..... 6 Susan Ruth Ryder  
..... 6 Willie Henry Ryder  
..... \*3rd Husband of Belinda Sue Fitzgerald:  
..... +Gary Leo Payne  
..... 6 Susan Ruth Ryder  
..... 6 Willie Henry Ryder  
..... \*4th Husband of Belinda Sue Fitzgerald:  
..... -Glen Switzer  
..... 5 Berlin Stanley (Butch) Fitzgerald b: October 08, 1954  
..... -Melba Marie Hickson  
..... 6 Mandy Dawn Fitzgerald  
..... \*2nd Wife of Berlin Stanley (Butch) Fitzgerald:  
..... -Pauline Elizabeth Teter  
..... \*3rd Wife of Berlin Stanley (Butch) Fitzgerald:  
..... -Cathy Fitzgerald  
..... \*4th Wife of Berlin Stanley (Butch) Fitzgerald:

..... - Warren Henry Ryder  
 ..... 6 Susan Ruth Ryder  
 ..... 6 Willie Henry Ryder  
 ..... \*3rd Husband of Belinda Sue Fitzgerald:  
 ..... - Gary Leo Payne  
 ..... 6 Susan Ruth Ryder  
 ..... 6 Willie Henry Ryder  
 ..... \*4th Husband of Belinda Sue Fitzgerald:  
 ..... - Glen Switzer  
 ..... 5 Berlin Stanley (Butch) Fitzgerald b: October 08, 1954  
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 ..... 6 Mandy Dawn Fitzgerald  
 ..... \*2nd Wife of Berlin Stanley (Butch) Fitzgerald:  
 ..... - Pauline Elizabeth Teter  
 ..... \*3rd Wife of Berlin Stanley (Butch) Fitzgerald:  
 ..... - Cathy Fitzgerald  
 ..... \*4th Wife of Berlin Stanley (Butch) Fitzgerald:  
 ..... - Iva Mae Newcomer  
 ..... 5 David Wayne Fitzgerald b: March 14, 1956  
 ..... 5 Dreama Kay Fitzgerald b: January 14, 1958  
 ..... - Andra Lowell Sharp  
 ..... 6 Jason Andrew Sharp  
 ..... \*2nd Husband of Dreama Kay Fitzgerald:  
 ..... - Jackson Hess Goldizen  
 ..... \*3rd Husband of Dreama Kay Fitzgerald:  
 ..... - Donald Edward Lewis  
 ..... 6 Donald Edward Jr. Lewis  
 ..... 5 Dennis Michael (Mike) Fitzgerald b: January 28, 1959  
 ..... - Edna Lee Hatterman  
 ..... 5 John Ray Fitzgerald b: March 20, 1961  
 ..... - Dwana Ellen Hise  
 ..... 6 Joshua Stanley Fitzgerald  
 ..... 6 Jeremy Clark Fitzgerald  
 ..... 6 Jessica Brooke Fitzgerald

..... -Cathy Fitzgerald  
..... \*4th Wife of Berlin Stanley (Butch) Fitzgerald:  
..... -Iva Mae Newcomer  
..... 5 David Wayne Fitzgerald b: March 14, 1956  
..... 5 Dreama Kay Fitzgerald b: January 14, 1958  
..... -Andra Lowell Sharp  
..... 6 Jason Andrew Sharp  
..... \*2nd Husband of Dreama Kay Fitzgerald:  
..... -Jackson Hess Goldizen  
..... \*3rd Husband of Dreama Kay Fitzgerald:  
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..... 6 Donald Edward Jr. Lewis  
..... 5 Dennis Michael (Mike) Fitzgerald b: January 28, 1959  
..... -Edna Lee Hatterman  
..... 5 John Ray Fitzgerald b: March 20, 1961  
..... -Dwana Ellen Hise  
..... 6 Joshua Stanley Fitzgerald  
..... 6 Jeremy Clark Fitzgerald  
..... 6 Jessica Brooke Fitzgerald  
..... \*3rd Husband of Erma Nell Defibaugh:  
..... -James Clem Simmons  
..... 3 Gratten Bernard Defibaugh b: June 21, 1889 d: November 29, 1962  
..... 3 Naomi Ruth Defibaugh b: September 25, 1891 d: June 13, 1910  
..... -Ernest Rutherford  
..... 3 Robert Vernon Paul Defibaugh b: August 22, 1895 d: May 18, 1937  
..... 3 Alvin Jackson Defibaugh b: October 28, 1897 d: October 27, 1931  
..... 3 David Wallace Defibaugh b: August 31, 1900 d: January 21, 1901  
..... 3 Aionzo Guy Defibaugh b: August 24, 1902 d: October 15, 1965

For President  
OWEN D. YOUNG  
of New York

The Beard relationship of Pocahontas county all descend from Thomas Beard one of the members of the Rev. John Craig's congregation of Augusta county, Virginia. Rev. Craig was pastor of old Stone Meeting House. Back in that colonial time when the pioneers were so busy making history they had no time to record it. These old records were carefully taken down made readable by Chalkley. They are the official, accepted references of the D. A. R.

Thomas Beard left a quaint old will giving his several children certain house hold furniture, etc. and his wife Jean is remembered substantially, there in. But to go back to an earlier day in the 1740 ties and 50ties In Rockbridge county there is a record that Thomas Beard administered Alexander Smiley's estate in 1749. We do not know whether he was a relative or just a trusted friend. There is another record though that to me indicates who Jean Beard was: On August 15, 1753, we find Thomas Beard administrator of another estate. This time it is James McNutt and in this document it says James McNutt paid for land bought by Thomas Beard's wife. He paid quit rents for Thomas Beard ten years in advance in 1744.

He had paid David Hays debts before his marriage.

He paid Robert Alexander's tuition for schooling James Jr. and Robert McNutt one year. In advance 1748.

He paid James Dobbin's same for Alexander McNutt 1748.

In Price's History Cousin William knew there were some daughters, and he says: "They went to Kentucky." A good many of this relationship did go to Tennessee and Kentucky. But at least two of these daughters of Thomas Beard remained in Rockbridge and I think four, viz: Esther who married Robert Alexander in Pennsylvania. Martha who married Robert Ramsey. Mary who married Dunlap. Jane or Jean who married George Weir.

Esther and her husband, Robert Alexander lived at Beverly Manor, Augusta county Virginia. Robert Alexander was a graduate of the University of Dublin and Edinburgh. He was born at Manor Cunningham, Londonderry, Ireland in 1715 a direct descendant of Robert Bruce through nineteen generations. He came to Virginia in 1730, and married Esther Beard about 1739. They had seven well known children.

Robert Alexander was made vestry man in 1744. This office constituted an local authority in the early colonies. It was considered a piece of honor.

While coming to America a great storm arose at sea and he was obliged to throw the library overboard. This necessitated some shift to replace the books. It is said he wrote many of

and taught from these until he could obtain others.

He started a private school of higher education at what is now Lexington, Va., in 1749. It was afterwards called Liberty Hall and is now Washington and Lee University.

Robert Alexander was compelled to resign from the Vestry on March 17, 1780. He says "I have been unable to go abroad for some time on account of a lingering illness." Sampson Mathews was elected in his stead but he was made vice vestryman. Sampson Archer and John Mathews were the church wardens.

Robert Alexander and his wife Esther Beard had eleven children. William was the oldest. He testified at a court on June 13, 1806, that he was then 65 years old. He died in 1829 in Virginia. Nothing more known.

Robert Jr. first clerk of Campbell county, Virginia, which office was held by him, his son and grandson for almost 100 years. The office was in his house "Rock Castle." He married Nancy Anne daughter of Captain William Austin and left many distinguished descendants both in Virginia and other states.

Archibald was a physician in New Castle, Del. he married Mary. I saw a write up only recently in "Who is Who" in America. Rear Admiral Eustace B. Rogers of the U. S. Navy was the subject of this sketch. He traced his ancestry through Dr. Archibald Alexander to Robert and Esther Beard Alexander. Thomas Beard Alexander moved to Galen county, Ohio, married a nd reared six children. Nothing further known.

Peter Alexander moved to Woodford county, Kentucky. He was living in 1822. He married and left a number of eminent descendants in that State some of whom were noted Divines. One Peter Alex Macfinny Steele, 1787.

Esther Alexander married Captain William Austin, his second wife, and thus became stepmother to her sister in-law Nancy Anne Austin, wife of Robert Alexander of Campbell county. Captain Austin held a commission from the British Crown as Captain until the Revolution. He then threw his lot with The American Patriots. They left many prominent descendants.

Sarah Alexander wasn't married until she was over twenty-one. She then married Col. John Wilson of Bath County, April 5, 1786. Her brother Peter, witnessed the ceremony. "She gave her own consent, being of age."

Eleanor Alexander married Samuel Wilson, June 27, 1790. Hugh Alexander her brother was surety.

Hugh nothing further. Anna Alexander married Ballars or Ballow, nothing further.

James born 1780, married April 7, 1801. Margaret, daughter of James Lyle and his wife Hannah Alexander a daughter of Captain Archibald Alexander, brother of Robert Sr.

The Stephensons and Ballars of Bath and Highland counties, Va., are

from the daughters of Robert and Esther Beard Alexander's family.

James and Margaret Lyle Alexander are my great grandparents thru their daughter Martha Pauline who married Charles Alexander Dunlap of the Calf Pasture near Deerfield, Va. This old Beard ancestor came down to me through a double line my grand mother Sabina Janett Beard McNeel born Feb 8, 1844 and yet living at Ponca City, Oklahoma is a great granddaughter of Thomas and Jean Beard through their son John who married January 16, 1769; Janett, daughter of Peter and Martha Woods Wallace and in turn thru their son, Josiah Beard who lived at Locust Creek on the plantation given him by his father, in his will in 1808 and called it "Locust Plantation" Josiah Beard married Rachel Cameron, daughter of Major William and Nancy (Agnes Dunlap, grandmother Sabina McNeel says, was her real name) Warwick Gatewood widow of William Gatewood and daughter of Captain Jacob Warwick.

Esther Beard Alexander died in 1769. The Rockbridge County History says and Robert Alexander died in 1787.

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It becomes our mournful duty to record the death of a widely-known and much esteemed citizen, John Jordan Beard, Huntersville, West Virginia. This event occurred rather unexpectedly, Monday, 11 1/2 a. m., April 11th, 1898.

Lieut. Beard was the only son of the late Joseph Beard, near Hillsboro. He was born in Greenbrier County, April 21st, 1835, and was married to Minerva, daughter of James Edmiston, Esq., September 1866. At the time of his death he was within ten days of being 63 years of age. By this event his attached family is bereaved of a kind tender husband and a very affectionate and indulgent father. The community at large honors his memory as that of a good man, whose influence has been for intelligence and good morals.

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He is survived by his wife and two sons, Harry and Fred. Beard.

Being as Lieut. Beard was, a person of ardent social and domestic impulses, as a matter of course it was natural for him to think of the sundering of sweet home lies, yet in his sincere way he assured his loved ones that they should not grieve too much about him, for all was and would be well with him.

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Martha Beard, or was it. One reference says it ways Elizabeth married James Mitchell before 1769. For Thomas and Martha Mitchell are given a part of Thomas Beard's estate and again he refers to Thomas Mitchell's mother. At the time Thomas Beard died it looks as if his daughter Jean was single. James Mitchell was the administrator of the estate. From this we take it James must have been quite a business man Men of this type nearly always know how to look out for their own interests. Here is Jean married and a mother, then a widow and her part of the estate still at Mitchell's hands.

In less than a year after this marriage of Jean to Cornelius Alexander, we find him inquiring through the courts about the estate, and a settlement being agreed upon. James Houston was guardian for Jean and her children. Thomas Beard Sr. had a neighbor adjoining him in Rockbridge named John Houston in 1742. Probably the Houstons and Beards were close friends of old times. The Alexander children inter married with the Houstons and Paxtons from which family Sam Houston sprang.

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In the old deeds we find some of Thomas Beard's neighbors and his holdings in Rockbridge county, Va. In 1750 Samuel Dunlap sold to James Beard 150 acres of land for 20 pounds, and to Thomas Beard 1-2 for 160 pounds. This was one tract.

In 1758 Thomas Beard is buying land again. This time it is 600 acres 12 1/2 in on Middle Creek near John Dunlap. In 1760 the same tract is sold by Thomas to William Beard for 100 pounds (Note that 1758 is the year James Beard died).

William Beard's farm adjoined Thomas Beard's in 1745 and John Montgomery's and Thomas Hill's were next to it. We find Thomas Beard present for Pat Hays at a meeting of the county. Pat Hays' farm bordered Robert Alexander's. Hays was probably a son of the David Hays mentioned in 1713 by James McNutt.

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In 1762-3, John Beard and William McClanahan were partners, making a crop on Locust Creek. The Spring Lock or Spring Creek plantation. This might have been in Greenbrier at the old Beard homestead.

The Preston and Virginia Papers compiled by the University of Wisconsin say that John Beard was a captain under Col. Christian at Point Pleasant. Greenbrier was then embraced in Botetourte County. From the same source, I learn that Samuel Beard furnished beavers for the Cherokee expedition in 1776.

John Beard married Janet Wallace daughter of Peter Wallace, Jr., and Martha Woods Wallace. She was niece of the distinguished statesman James Woods of Virginia. In hunting out the Wallace kin, I came to the name of George Seddon Wallace as author of "Peter Wallace's Genealogy." I coveted the book. If it were about my own family, but the catalog did not say what place these Wallaces were from. By a strange coincidence, I came upon the name of the author in The Times as a friend of that friendly, beloved man, Andrew Price. I wrote Maj. Wallace at Huntington and asked him if he had written this book, and if he had, did he know that Andrew Price was a descendant of one Jan Wallace? He wrote, thanking me for the information. He sent a box to Cousin Andrew. Shortly afterwards these fine articles on the Wallace kin and kin appeared in the Times. And then only a few short months and our beloved cousin with us no more. He has left something of himself in those print pages and in memory we treasure.

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## CCC Anniversary 4-3-41

Durbin---The eighth anniversary of the Citizens Conservation Corps was marked in grand style on the afternoon of March 30 at Camp Thornwood. A large crowd attended. The master of ceremonies was Dr. George F. Hull, the camp physician. Addresses were made by Governor Kump, Judge Harbert, of Clarksburg, and others. The Marlinton Quartet sang and the Marlinton High School Band played sweet music. A good lunch was served to all, and in the evening moving pictures and illustrated lectures on soil conservation was given.

More than one half, 106, of the boys in Camp Thornwood have come from Clarksburg. There were many parents present Sunday. Judge Harbert has been a member of the advisory board for Harrison county for eight years, and in that time has assisted in conducting into CCC service around twenty-five hundred young men. Mrs. Williams, head of the Harrison County Relief Board, was present at the Thornwood celebration.

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A son Thomas Weir survived and it seems others though no names are given.

It seems one James Young had bought a piece of land from the Eakins heirs, before one of them was of age. In this suit this heir is trying to recover his rights in this property from George Weir's heirs viz: Jane, the widow and Thomas her son. The Eakins Andrew and James who originally sold the property are dead; George Weir lives on the French Broad in Tenn.

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James Houston was a neighbor of the Weirs as he appears often in legal affairs of theirs and he appears with Cornelius Alexander as guardian for George Weir's orphans vs James Mitchel executor of Thomas Beard's will in 1769. This suit was brought to determine if Jean Beard Weir and her children had received the legacy

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Martha Beard, or was it. One reference says it ways Elizabeth married James Mitchel before 1769. For Thomas and Martha Mitchel are given a part of Thomas Beard's estate and again he refers to Thomas Mitchel's mother. At the time Thomas Beard died it looks as if his daughter Jean was single. James Mitchel was the administrator of the estate. From this we take it James must have been quite a business man. Men of this type nearly always know how to look out for their own interests. Here is Jean married and a mother, then a widow and her part of the estate still at Mitchels hands.

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Hugh Beard, son of Thomas married Sarah . He died in 1807 and Sarah died in 1801; their children were: Robert who married and had Nancy and Sally by 1806. Ann, Jane Alexander, Sarah. Sarah married Andrew Kenedy 1797; Esther, who married Mr. Hoffman and Thomas Beard, who was mentioned in his grandfather's will, 1769, married Sarah Jameson in 1785.

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In 1753 Thomas Beard is buying land again. This time it is 605 acres 33 p 5s on Moffetts Creek near John Rosemans. In 1860 the same tract is sold by Thomas to William Beard for 100 pounds (Note that 1753 is the year James McNutt died).

William Pollack's farm adjoined Thomas Beard's in 1765 and John Montgomery's and Thomas Hill's cornered with him. We find Thomas Beard present for Pat Hays at a meeting of the vestry. Pat Hays' farm cornered Robert Alexander's. Hays was probably a son of the David Hays mentioned in 1753 in James McNutt's will.

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In the will 1769, Thomas Beard speaks of his daughter, wife of Robert Ramsey as if she had died. One Robert Ramsey was killed by the Shawnees in 1759. His will was probated November 21. 1759, Robert Hall, administrator. Later on there is a note Isabelle Hall, wife of Robert, qualifies as administratrix of her late husband Robert Ramsey. This name Isabella doesn't sound familiar

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He left cleared land to his son Hugh, and Hugh's son Thomas was left 170 acres lying next to John Montgomery and Thomas Hill. Then he left 10 pounds each to the grandsons named Thomas—Thomas Alexander and Thomas Dunlap. To Robert Ramsey's children, testator's grandchildren, 12 pounds and 12 shillings each. A legacy to son William and to daughter Esther Alexander and Martha Mitchell; frequent provision for such issue in case daughter Jane have no issue.

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Thomas and Jean Beard deeded to their son "John, 183 acres of land on Catheys Creek, some times called Jennings Branch," on May 20, 1765. It cornered with David McNaire. This was delivered to John Beard in January, 1769. I just wonder if May 20, 1765 could have been John Beard's twenty-first birthday, as he didn't accept this gift until his marriage, January 16, 1769.

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The Preston and Virginia Papers, compiled by the University of Wisconsin say that John Beard was a captain under Col. Christian at Point Pleasant. Greenbrier was then embraced in Botetourte County. From the same source, I learn that Samuel Beard furnished beeves for the Cherokee expedition in 1776.

John Beard married Janett Wallace, daughter of Peter Wallace, Jr., and Martha Woods Wallace. She was neice of the distinguished statesman James Woods of Virginia. In hunting out the Wallace kin, I came on the name of George Seldon Wallace as author of "Peter Wallace's Genealogy." I coveted the book, if it was about my own family, but the catalog did not say what place these Wallaces were from. By a strange coincidence, I came upon the name of the author in 'The Times' as a friend of that friendly fellow.

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The will book of Rockbridge County record something of these old Wallaces. Andrew Wallace's will was filed July 3, 1781; he was the ancestor of General Lew Wallace. He left bequests to his sisters Janett and Sarah; his grandson Andrew; mother, Martha; brother Adam and brother-in-law, John Gilmer.

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Dr. Archibald Alexander, President of Princeton Theological Seminary, recounts in a diary he kept in early life some interesting happenings of his childhood. He was born on the South Branch in Rockbridge in 1772. His father was William Alexander, eldest son of Captain Archibald Alexander, brother of Robert, of Timber Ridge. He tells of the school room of Revolutionary days. He says his father had erected a cabin down near the creek about a half mile from the house, and the sound of the students studying out loud could be easily heard to the house. This was the custom of that day. If a student was caught in silence he was thrashed with a hickory switch well laid on. This method encouraged each student to shout his lesson out loud while studying so that the teacher could see his diligence.

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### Lieut. John Jordan Beard.

It becomes our mournful duty to record the death of a widely-known and much esteemed citizen, John Jordan Beard, Huntersville, West Virginia. This event occurred rather unexpectedly. Monday, 11½ a. m., April 11th, 1898.

Lieut. Beard was the only son of the late Joseph Beard Esq. and Mrs Mattie Beard, near Hillsboro. He was born in Greenbrier County, April 21st, 1835, and was married to Minerva, daughter of James Edmiston, Esq., September 1866. At the time of his death he was within ten days of being 63 years of age. By this event his attached family is bereaved of a kind tender husband and a very affectionate and indulgent father. The community at large honors his memory as that of a good man whose influence has been for intelligence and good morals.

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Early in life he professed piety, and maintained a consistent character as such in the pale of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was loyal and faithful to his community

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He is survived by his wife and two sons, Harry and Fred. Beard.

Being as Lieut. Beard was, a person of ardent social and domestic impulses, as a matter of course

it was painful for him to think of the sundering of sweet home ties, yet in his sincere way he assured his loved ones that they should not grieve too much about him, for all was and would be well with him.

A month or so since we had a pleasant interchange of views concerning the 23d Psalm. In this Psalm it appears that nothing but the shadow would touch those following the Lord our Shepherd when it comes to passing through the Valley. Having been a soldier and familiar with scenes in the presence of the enemy, that at such a time I lay down at a prepared place, one of the last things I thought of would be life.

Died at his home in Hillsboro,  
Pocahontas Co., W. Va., on the 14<sup>th</sup> day  
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The Beard relationship of Pocahontas county all descend from Thomas Beard one of the members of the Rev. John Craig's congregation of Augusta county, Virginia. Rev. Craig was pastor of old Stone Meeting House. Back in that colonial time when the pioneers were so busy making history they had no time to record it. These old records were carefully taken down made readable by Chalkley. They are the official, accepted references of the D. A. R.

Thomas Beard left a quaint old will giving his several children certain house hold furniture, etc. and his wife Jean is remembered substantially, there in. But to go back to an earlier day in the 1740 ties and 50ties In Rockbridge county there is a record that Thomas Beard administered Alexander Smiley's estate in 1749. We do not know whether he was a relative or just a trusted friend. There is another record though that to me indicates who Jean Beard was: On August 15, 1753, we find Thomas Beard administrator of another estate. This time it is James McNutt and in this document it says James McNutt paid for land bought by Thomas Beard's wife. He paid quit rents for Thomas Beard ten years in advance in 1744.

He had paid David Hays debts before his marriage.

He paid Robert Alexander's tuition for schooling James Jr. and Robert McNutt one year. In advance 1748.

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In Price's History Cousin William knew there were some daughters, and he says: "They went to Kentucky." A good many of this relationship did go to Tennessee and Kentucky. But at least two of these daughters of Thomas Beard remained in Rockbridge and I think four, viz: Esther who married Robert Alexander in Pennsylvania. Martha who married Robert Ramsey. Mary who married Dunlap. Jane or Jean who married George Weir.

Esther and her husband, Robert Alexander lived at Beverly Manor, Augusta county Virginia. Robert Alexander was a graduate of the University of Dublin and Edinburgh. He was born at 'Manor Cunningham' Londonderry, Ireland in 1715 a direct descendant of Robert Bruce through nineteen generations. He came to Virginia in 1730, and married Esther Beard about 1739. They had seven well known children.

Robert Alexander was made vestry man in 1744. This office constituted an local authority in the early colonies. It was considered a piece of honor.

While coming to America a great storm arose at sea and he was obliged to throw the library overboard. This necessitated some shift to replace the books. It is said he wrote many of

and taught from these until he could

obtain others. He started a private school of higher education at what is now Lexington, Va., in 1749. It was afterwards called Liberty Hall and is now Washington and Lee University.

Robert Alexander was compelled to resign from the Vestry on March 17, 1780. He says "I have been unable to go abroad for some time on account of a lingering illness." Sampson Mathews was elected in his stead but he was made vice vestryman. Sampson Archer and John Mathews were the church wardens.

Robert Alexander and his wife Esther Beard had eleven children. William was the oldest. He testified at a court on June 13, 1806, that he was then 65 years old. He died in 1829 in Virginia. Nothing more known.

Robert Jr. first clerk of Campbell county, Virginia, which office was held by him, his son and grandson for almost 100 years. The office was in his house "Rock Castle." He married Nancy Anne daughter of Captain William Austin and left many distinguished descendants both in Virginia and other states.

Archibald was a physician in New Castle, Del. he married Mary. I saw a write up only recently in "Who is Who" in America. Rear Admiral Eustace B. Rogers of the U. S. Navy was the subject of this sketch. He traced his ancestry through Dr. Archibald Alexander to Robert and Esther Beard Alexander. Thomas Beard Alexander moved to Galen county, Ohio, married a nd reared six children. Nothing further known.

Peter Alexander moved to Woodford county, Kentucky. He was living in 1822. He married and left a number of eminent descendants in that State some of whom were noted Divines. One Peter Alex Macfinny Steele, 1787.

Esther Alexander married Captain William Austin, his second wife, and thus became stepmother to her sister in-law Nancy Anne Austin, wife of Robert Alexander of Campbell county. Captain Austin held a commission from the British Crown as Captain until the Revolution. He then threw his lot with The American Patriots. They left many prominent descendants.

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It becomes our mournful duty to record the death of a widely-known and much esteemed citizen, John Jordan Beard, Huntersville, West Virginia. This event occurred rather unexpectedly, Monday, 11<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> a. m., April 11th, 1898.

Lieut. Beard was the only son of the late Joseph Beard, near Hillsboro. He was born in Greenbrier County, April 21st, 1835, and was married to Minerva, daughter of James Edmiston, Esq., September 1866. At the time of his death he was within ten days of being 63 years of age. By this event his attached family is bereaved of a kind tender husband and a very affectionate and indulgent father. The community at large honors his memory as that of a good man, whose influence has been for intelligence and good morals.

In the war between the States, he served in the Bath Squadron, and made a record as a gallant and distinguished soldier. Late in the war he received a frightful wound that came near ending his life at the time. He survived to the surprise of every person familiar with his nature. For more than thirty years this wound has been a great personal affliction, and it is believed hastened the termination of his useful life. He has been a resident of Huntersville about 21 years. During this time he served the county two terms as clerk of both courts.

Early in life he professed piety, and maintained a consistent piety for as such in the pole of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was loyal and faithful to his community

and greatly attached to her doctrines and usages.

He is survived by his wife and two sons, Harry and Fred. Beard.

Being as Lieut. Beard was, a person of ardent social and domestic impulses, as a matter of course, it was natural for him to think of the sundering of sweet home lies, yet in his sincere way he assured his loved ones that they should not grieve too much about him, for all was and would be well with him.

A month or so since we had a pleasant interchange of views concerning the 23d Psalm. In this Psalm it appears that nothing but the shadow would touch those following the Lord our Shepherd, when it comes to passing through the Valley. Having been a soldier and familiar with scenes in the presence of the my, that at such a time, down at a prepared feast one of the last things battle would be lit

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Martha Beard, or was it. One reference says it ways Elizabeth married James Mitchell before 1769. For Thomas and Martha Mitchell are given a part of Thomas Beard's estate and again he refers to Thomas Mitchell's mother. At the time Thomas Beard died it looks as if his daughter Jean was single. James Mitchell was the administrator of the estate. From this we take it James must have been quite a business man Men of this type nearly always know how to look out for their own interests. Here is Jean married and a mother, then a widow and her part of the estate still at Mitchell's hands.

In less than a year after this marriage of Jean to Cornelius Alexander, we find him inquiring through the courts about the estate, and a settlement being agreed upon. James Houston was guardian for Jean and her children. Thomas Beard Sr. had a neighbor adjoining him in Rockbridge named John Houston in 1742. Probably the Houstons and Beards were close friends of old times. The Alexander children inter married with the Houstons and Paxtons from which family Sam Houston sprang.

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In the old deeds we find some of Thomas Beard's neighbors and his holdings in Rockbridge county, Va. In 1750 Samuel Dunlap sold to James Beard 150 acres of land for 20 pounds, and to Thomas Beard 1-2 for 160 pounds. This was one tract.

In 1758 Thomas Beard is buying land again. This time it is 600 acres 12 1/2 in on Middle Creek near John Beard. In 1760 the same tract is sold by Thomas to William Beard for 100 pounds (Note that 1758 is the first James Beard died).

William Beard's farm adjoined Thomas Beard's in 1745 and John Montgomery's and Thomas Hill's were next to it. We find Thomas Beard present for Pat Hays at a meeting of the county. Pat Hays' farm bordered Robert Alexander's. Hays was probably a son of the David Hays mentioned in 1713 to James McNutt.

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He left cleared land to his son Hugh, and Hugh's son Thomas was left 170 acres lying next to John Montgomery and Thomas Hill. Then he left 10 pounds each to the grandsons named Thomas—Thomas Alexander and Thomas Dunlap. To Robert Ramsey's children, testator's grandchildren, 12 pounds and 12 shillings each. A legacy to son William and to daughter Esther Alexander and Martha Mitchell; frequent provision for such issue in case daughter Jane have no issue.

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Thomas and Jean Beard, deeded to their son "John, 150 acres of land on Cathey's Creek, some times called Jennings Branch," on May 20, 1760. It cornered with David McNaire. This was delivered to John Beard in January, 1769. I just wonder if May 20, 1760, could have been John Beard's twenty-first birthday, as he didn't accept this gift until his marriage, January 18, 1769.

In 1762-3, John Beard and William McClanahan were partners, making a crop on Locust Creek, "the Spring Lock or Spring Creek plantation." This might have been in Greenbrier at the old Beard homestead.

The Preston and Virginia Papers compiled by the University of Wisconsin say that John Beard was a captain under Col. Christian at Point Pleasant. Greenbrier was then embraced in Botetourte County. From the same source, I learn that Samuel Beard furnished beavers for the Cherokee expedition in 1776.

John Beard married Janet Wallace daughter of Peter Wallace, Jr., and Martha Woods Wallace. She was niece of the distinguished statesman James Woods of Virginia. In hunting out the Wallace kin, I came to the name of George Seddon Wallace as author of "Peter Wallace's Genealogy." I coveted the book. If it were about my own family, but the catalog did not say what place these Wallaces were from. By a strange coincidence, I came upon the name of the author in The Times as a friend of that friendly, beloved man, Andrew Price. I wrote Maj. Wallace at Huntington and asked him if he had written this book, and if he had, did he know that Andrew Price was a descendant of one Jan Wallace? He wrote, thanking me for the information. He sent a box to Cousin Andrew. Shortly afterwards these fine articles on the Wallace kin and kin appeared in the Times. And then only a few short months and our beloved cousin with us no more. He has left something of himself in those print pages and in memory we treasure.

The will book of Rockbridge County record something of these old Wallaces. Andrew Wallace's will was filed July 3, 1781; he was the ancestor of General Lew Wallace. He bequeaths to his sisters Janet and Hannah; his grandson Andrew; mother, Martha; brother Adam and 1 brother-in-law, John Gilmer.

Dr. Archibald Alexander, President of Princeton Theological Seminary, recounts in a story he kept in early life some of the most interesting happenings of his childhood. He was born on the South Branch in Rockbridge in 1772. His father was William Alexander, eldest son of Captain Archibald Alexander, brother of Robert, of Timber Ridge. He tells of the school room of Revolutionary days. He says his father had erected a cabin down near the creek about a half mile from the house, and the sound of the student studying out loud could be easily heard to the house. This was the custom of that day. If a student was caught in silence he was thrashed with a hickory switch well laid on. This method encouraged each student to shout his lesson out loud while studying so that the teacher could see his diligence.

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## CCC Anniversary 4-3-41

Durbin---The eighth anniversary of the Citizens Conservation Corps was marked in grand style on the afternoon of March 30 at Camp Thornwood. A large crowd attended. The master of ceremonies was Dr. George F. Hull, the camp physician. Addresses were made by Governor Kump, Judge Harbert, of Clarksburg, and others. The Marlinton Quartet sang and the Marlinton High School Band played sweet music. A good lunch was served to all, and in the evening moving pictures and illustrated lectures on soil conservation was given.

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James Houston was a neighbor of the Weirs as he appears often in legal affairs of theirs and he appears with Cornelius Alexander as guardian for George Weir's orphans vs James Mitchel executor of Thomas Beard's will in 1769. This suit was brought to determine if Jean Beard Weir and her children had received the legacy

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Martha Beard, or was it. One reference says it ways Elizabeth married James Mitchel before 1769. For Thomas and Martha Mitchel are given a part of Thomas Beard's estate and again he refers to Thomas Mitchel's mother. At the time Thomas Beard died it looks as if his daughter Jean was single. James Mitchel was the administrator of the estate. From this we take it James must have been quite a business man. Men of this type nearly always know how to look out for their own interests. Here is Jean married and a mother, then a widow and her part of the estate still at Mitchels hands.

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Hugh Beard, son of Thomas married Sarah . He died in 1807 and Sarah died in 1801; their children were: Robert who married and had Nancy and Sally by 1806. Ann, Jane Alexander, Sarah. Sarah married Andrew Kenedy 1797; Esther, who married Mr. Hoffman and Thomas Beard, who was mentioned in his grandfather's will, 1769, married Sarah Jameson in 1785.

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In 1753 Thomas Beard is buying land again. This time it is 605 acres 33 p 5s on Moffetts Creek near John Rosemans. In 1860 the same tract is sold by Thomas to William Beard for 100 pounds (Note that 1753 is the year James McNutt died).

William Pollack's farm adjoined Thomas Beard's in 1765 and John Montgomery's and Thomas Hill's cornered with him. We find Thomas Beard present for Pat Hays at a meeting of the vestry. Pat Hays' farm cornered Robert Alexander's. Hays was probably a son of the David Hays mentioned in 1753 in James McNutt's will.

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In the will 1769, Thomas Beard speaks of his daughter, wife of Robert Ramsey as if she had died. One Robert Ramsey was killed by the Shawnees in 1759. His will was probated November 21. 1759, Robert Hall, administrator. Later on there is a note Isabelle Hall, wife of Robert, qualifies as administratrix of her late husband Robert Ramsey. This name Isabella doesn't sound familiar

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Thomas and Jean Beard deeded to their son "John, 183 acres of land on Catheys Creek, some times called Jennings Branch," on May 20, 1765. It cornered with David McNaire. This was delivered to John Beard in January, 1769. I just wonder if May 20, 1765 could have been John Beard's twenty-first birthday, as he didn't accept this gift until his marriage, January 16, 1769.

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In 1762-3, John Beard and William McClanahan were partners, making a crop on Locust Creek, "on the Spring Lick or Spring Creek plantation." This might have been in Greenbrier at the old Beard homestead.

The Preston and Virginia Papers, compiled by the University of Wisconsin say that John Beard was a captain under Col. Christian at Point Pleasant. Greenbrier was then embraced in Botetourte County. From the same source, I learn that Samuel Beard furnished beeves for the Cherokee expedition in 1776.

John Beard married Janett Wallace, daughter of Peter Wallace, Jr., and Martha Woods Wallace. She was neice of the distinguished statesman James Woods of Virginia. In hunting out the Wallace kin, I came on the name of George Seldon Wallace as author of "Peter Wallace's Genealogy." I coveted the book, if it was about my own family, but the catalog did not say what place these Wallaces were from. By a strange coincidence, I came upon the name of the author in 'The Time' as a friend of that friendly fellow.

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The will book of Rockbridge County record something of these old Wallaces. Andrew Wallace's will was filed July 3, 1781; he was the ancestor of General Lew Wallace. He left bequests to his sisters Janett and Sarah; his grandson Andrew; mother, Martha; brother Adam and brother-in-law, John Gilmer.

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Dr. Archibald Alexander, President of Princeton Theological Seminary, recounts in a diary he kept in early life some interesting happenings of his childhood. He was born on the South Branch in Rockbridge in 1772. His father was William Alexander, eldest son of Captain Archibald Alexander, brother of Robert, of Timber Ridge. He tells of the school room of Revolutionary days. He says his father had erected a cabin down near the creek about a half mile from the house, and the sound of the students studying out loud could be easily heard to the house. This was the custom of that day. If a student was caught in silence he was thrashed with a hickory switch well laid on. This method encouraged each student to shout his lesson out loud while studying so that the teacher could see his diligence.

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### Lieut. John Jordan Beard.

It becomes our mournful duty to record the death of a widely-known and much esteemed citizen, John Jordan Beard, Huntersville, West Virginia. This event occurred rather unexpectedly. Monday, 11½ a. m., April 11th, 1898.

Lieut. Beard was the only son of the late Joseph Beard Esq. and Mrs Mattie Beard, near Hillsboro. He was born in Greenbrier County, April 21st, 1835, and was married to Minerva, daughter of James Edmiston, Esq., September 1866. At the time of his death he was within ten days of being 63 years of age. By this event his attached family is bereaved of a kind tender husband and a very affectionate and indulgent father. The community at large honors his memory as that of a good man whose influence has been for intelligence and good morals.

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Early in life he professed piety, and maintained a consistent character as such in the pale of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was loyal and faithful to his community.

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He is survived by his wife and two sons, Harry and Fred. Beard.

Being as Lieut. Beard was, a person of ardent social and domestic impulses, as a matter of course

it was not for him to think of the sundering of sweet home ties, yet in his sincere way he assured his loved ones that they should not grieve too much about him, for all was and would be well with him.

A month or so since we had a pleasant interchange of views concerning the 23d Psalm. In this Psalm it appears that nothing but the shadow would touch those following the Lord our Shepherd when it comes to passing through the Valley. Having been a soldier and familiar with scenes in the presence of the enemy, that at such a time I lay down at a prepared place, one of the last things I thought of would be life.



Died at his home in Hillsboro,  
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## THE BUCKLEY LAND GRANT

*by Ralph B Buckley, 1967*

The grant for the Buckley property was made before the Revolutionary War and was signed by King George III of England. It was granted to Joshua Buckley about 1762 and was what is known as a "Tomahawk Grant" - so named because the white settlers had a treaty with the Indians that the whites would not settle in the Ohio River watershed. The pioneers persuaded the Governor of Virginia that the Greenbrier River emptied into the Atlantic Ocean.

The original plot of land was bounded as follows: Starting at a point one block north of the present Court House in Marlinton, a straight line to the top of the mountain at the Lone Tree Knob, then along the top of the mountain to encompass the watershed of Swago Creek; thence to a point at the island at the mouth of Improvement Lick Run; thence north to the mouth of "Black Stump" Hollow; thence a straight line to the mouth of Mundy Lick Run; thence to the starting point in Marlinton.

The part at Marlinton was taken from the original tract by a court order and given to the McLaughlin family.

As Joshua's family became mature each was given a tract of land. The division was as follows: Hettie married George Kee and was given that part of the farm north of the Big Rocks in the Greenbrier River and west to the top of the mountain at Lone Tree Knob. Joe Buckley married Betty Gibson and was given that part of the land west of the river, south of the Kee tract and south to Swago Creek, with the exception of the flat land just north of the mouth of Swago Creek. John Buckley married Patsy Casebolt and was given the tract south of Swago Creek and the flat land mentioned above. When his parents became old John moved to the east side of the river, built a house just north of his parents' home. At their death he inherited the land east of the river. When the McNeill family came in 1777 they were given the limestone flat land on the southwest.

The Kee farm was later divided. Polly was given the part east of Route 219 and to the river. Joshua Kee got the part east of the river. George got the part north and west of the point where the highway tops the Price Hill. Aaron got the remainder of the Kee land.

The John Buckley tract west of the river was sold to several families. The Amiss family got the part north of Swago Creek. This later was sold to the Auldriges and Charley Young.

The Joe Buckley land went to the Ochletree family, then to John Gay and Joe McNeill and is now owned by Lewis Gay.

The homestead east of the river was given to Joshua Buckley. This was divided as follows: Margaret and Charles Young, Jane and Columbus Silva, Andy Rose, and Clinton Courtney.

During this generation all the tracts once owned by Joshua Buckley II were bought back with the exception of a few acres owned by the heirs of W. M. Young. Several acres have been added to the homestead; namely, the McCoy farm at the head of Williams River and 575 acres of cut-over timberland east of the farm.

Joshua Buckley II was a minister at heart rather than a farmer. With his large family and small income it became necessary to sell parts of the farm. He sold the lower part of the river bottom to George Overholt and some of the hill land to Charles Young and Clinton Courtney. The upper part of the bottom was given to daughter Jane and Columbus Silva. This left only a small section with the home. Later this was mortgaged for debt, and at the time his son John took over the management of the farm, all was gone or mortgaged for all it was worth.

John began to gather the land together again and to pay off the debts. This was during the depression of the 1880's. He worked as a carpenter, helping to build the store for Daniel McNeill. His wages were seventy-five cents a day. Later the lumber interests began to cut the timber on the Greenbrier River and float the logs to Ronceverte to the sawmill. John soon learned to guide the arks down the river and became the pilot of the arks. This was a job of considerable responsibility and paid a little better wages than the other men got. However, it could not be done during the winter months.

Several companies were buying tracts of land and timber in Pocahontas County. Many of these companies knew little or nothing of the country. John learned to estimate timber and would make estimates for a fee. This gave him a good income, and it could be done during the winter. In this way he could work almost all the year.

During this time much of the work on the farm was done by the wife and children. Since John was able to be at home at some time during each week, he could manage the farm quite well. He soon paid the mortgage on the home.

About 1897 when the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad began to build the Greenbrier Division there was yet a debt of two hundred dollars, which was owed to Columbus Silva. In order to give a deed for the right-of-way for the railroad,

Joshua, then the owner, deeded eight acres of land lying between the homestead and the Overholt tract to Silva. This was known as the "Little Orchard".

In 1906 Aumiller Brothers were looking for a tract of timber to cut. They contacted John Buckley, knowing that he could estimate timber and that he had cruised the timber on his own lands as well as that on the Silva and Young (then Thomas) farms.

The Aumillers made an offer based on the estimate which had been made. That part belonging to Silva was the best grade of timber, and they offered one thousand dollars for it.

John then began to try to buy the Silva farm. They offered to sell all except the "Little Orchard" for twelve hundred dollars. The deal was made and the timber was sold, leaving a balance of two hundred dollars outstanding. By this time Jay Buckley was old enough to work on public works, and he and his father went to work and paid off the outstanding debt.

In the meantime, the Overholt farm had been bought by Charles Young and sold to James Cook. After Walter Graham married Addie Buckley, he and Jay Buckley bought the lower end of the river bottom from Cook. The "Little Orchard" remained in the hands of the Silva girls (Annd and Myrtle) until 1925 when this tract was sold to Jay Buckley for eight hundred dollars.

The tract owned by Courtneys and Youngs was acquired by William Buckley about 1933. The Andy Rose farm was bought by William and Ralph Buckley. This brought the original farm together again.

The land on the head of Williams River was bought by Jay and William Buckley as a place to graze cattle. The first place bought was the John W. Sheets farm known as the "Dutch Bottom". This was later traded for the McCoy Place".

After the timber was cut from the "Big Survey" to the east of the original farm, Jay bought five hundred seventy-five acres of this cut-over timber land. He paid about three dollars per acre for this. This completed the farm as it stands today. It consists of about fourteen hundred acres.



## THE BUCKLEYS AT SWAGO

The first account we have of the Buckley family was in Ireland at the time of the "Bulldog Kings". This family was of Protestant faith. At that time the Roman Catholics were in power there, and the Buckleys, being persecuted for their faith, moved along with many others to Belgium and Holland.

When word came to them that the colony of Virginia had been established, these families became interested in coming to America. They returned to England and made arrangements to sail for the New World.

They arrived at the mouth of the James River in 1621. The early settlers at Jamestown had become discouraged and had set sail for England. The two boats met at the mouth of the river, and the newcomers persuaded the early settlers to return. In this way the Buckley family lays claim to being among the first permanent settlers of Virginia.

Very little is known of the family from then until about the time of the Revolution. It is presumed that they with others worked their way westward to new lands and better hunting grounds.

About 1760 there were three brothers of the family at Winchester, Virginia. Two of them moved northwestward to what is now Ohio. The other one came across the mountain into the Southbranch of the Potomac, then south to its head and over into the Greenbrier Valley. This was Joshua.

He came down the river to what is now Hosterman and there found a family by the name of Collins. Joshua made his home with the Collins family until 1774. In 1773 he married the daughter Hannah. To them was born a son, Joe, on February 22, 1774.

Joshua had scouted the Greenbrier River Valley for a home about 1762 and took a grant for land. After his marriage to Hannah, she wrote a deed, and it was recorded in the Court House in Staunton, Virginia, in 1774.

On March 6, 1774, Joshua, with his family, arrived at the mouth of Swago Creek. Here he had found a spot where the Indians had cleared about two acres of land and had been raising corn. He built a lean-to shed against a large white-oak tree just above the highwater mark on the east side of the river about two hundred yards south of the mouth of Swago

Creek. He had brought with him his wife and son, a horse, and provisions enough to last until a crop could be raised.

Joshua made a trip to Cambridge, Massachusetts, and was there with General Washington. He was sent back to the valley as a scout for the army, and at the time of the Battle of Point Pleasant he was stationed at Gauley Bridge. If the Indians won the battle, a runner was to come to him, and he was to notify the settlers in the Greenbrier Valley to get into the fort at Lewisburg.

The white colony in Virginia had made a treaty with the Indians that they would not make settlements in the Ohio River Valley. The settlers in this section had persuaded the Governor of Virginia that the Greenbrier River flowed into the Atlantic Ocean. In this way they received their grants for land. These grants were known as "Tomahawk Grants". The grant for the Buckley lands was one of these and was signed by the King of England.

After moving to the mouth of Swago, three other children were born to Hannah and Joshua Buckley: John, Hettie, and Elizabeth.

The family cleared more of the bottom land and raised crops and livestock. Their chief source of income was from furs, for which they had a market. The family built a cabin directly opposite the mouth of the creek. When the children were grown, they married and settled nearby.

Hettie married George Kee and was given that part of the farm north of the Big Rocks in the river. Elizabeth married a Mr. McClure and moved to a farm at the end of Droop Mountain near where the railroad tunnel is now. Joe married Betty Gibson and was given the land around where Lewis Gay now lives.

John married Patsy Casebolt and lived on the west side of the river just opposite his father's home. When his father and mother became old, he moved to the east side of the river and built a house in the "Old Orchard" just north of where his father had built his cabin. John's family was born on the west side of the river, but later lived on the east side.

Joshua had given a plot of ground on the west side of the river for a church lot and a cemetery. At his death he and his wife Mary were buried there. This is the present site of Bethel Church. Their graves are just behind that structure.

Joshua Buckley II was born on the west side of the river on March 6, 1819. He farmed for a livelihood and also was the local Methodist minister. He disagreed with the leaders of the church as to its form of government and was one of the founders of the Methodist Protestant Church.

## THE BUCKLEY MEETING HOUSE

When John Buckley married Patsy Casebolt about 1800, he built a house on the west side of the Greenbrier River. It was located just north of the mouth of Swago Creek and about two hundred feet back from the river's edge. At that time a few people had settled in the community, and they were invited to come to this house for worship.

As the community grew the house became too small to accommodate the crowds, and it was decided to build a church.

This building was located just south of the present Lower Church (Bethel). It was a log building and was large enough to accommodate a small congregation. This probably was built about 1825. This church was located on land donated by the Buckley family. The lot was about one-half acre in size. The lot was used as a cemetery for a long time and is still used for that purpose.

The church was known as "The Buckley Meeting House". The congregation was a member of the Methodist conference, and some of the ministers came from Hillsboro to hold services.

Joshua Buckley II, son of John, became a Methodist minister and preached at this church. He did not like the government of the Methodist church and joined the separation movement, which was to become the Methodist Protestant Church.

About 1875 the congregation became aware that the log church was too small to accommodate the congregation and that extensive repairs would have to be made before long. They decided to build a new church on the grounds of the log church. Most of the work on this church was done by local men without wages. The McNeill and Buckley families contributed most of the materials and labor. Jefferson Killingsworth was the chief foreman.

William McNeill and his brothers were good ax men. They chopped the trees for the frame, and John Buckley, who was good with the broad ax, finished the smoothing of the frame timbers.

Some other frame materials were cut on the Buckley farm at the head of the Thomas Hollow. This was fine poplar timber. The logs were hauled by oxen to the church site. This was done in April, and at one time the snow was so deep it worked through the ox bows.



These timbers were long enough to extend from one side of the church to the other. This is about twenty-four feet. One of these timbers when it dried split at one end. It then was necessary to bore a hole through it and insert a wooden pin.

The boards were cut on a "up and down" mill. This saw was like a crosscut saw and was worked up and down by water power. The finishings inside were done by hand planes.

This church is now known as Bethel and is being used by the Presbyterian congregation with the permission of the Buckley family. The lot when not used as a church ground reverts to the Buckley estate.

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| (3) Joe Buckley<br>Betty Gibson         | No Children  |
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(14) Elizabeth Susan Frances Buckley William C. McNeill	Nevada McNeill Kee (125) Lucy McNeill Overholt (126) Grace McNeill McNeill (127) Edna McNeill Kellison (128) Ruben S. McNeill (129)
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(125) Nevada McNeill O. Hunter Kee	No Children
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(128) Edna McNeill Morton Kellison	No Children
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(130) Roseanna Salome Silva Ira Hannah	No Children
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(133) Joseph Silva	
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Mary Thomas Waugh (224)  
Clarence Thomas (225)  
Irene Thomas Gillilan (226)  
Wanda Thomas (227)  
William Thomas (228)

(142) Notley Thomas  
Dolly McClung

Dorothy Thomas Brewer (229)  
Dollie Thomas Rhodes (230)  
Glendolyn Thomas Fleshman (231)  
Margaret Thomas Crookshank (232)  
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James Harold Thomas (242)  
Harry Lee Thomas (243)  
Maxine Thomas Harper (244)  
Alfred Thomas (245)

(144) Alta Thomas  
Robert Rose

Margaret Rose Lutz  
Mildred Rose Lang, Short (247)  
Robert Rose (248)  
Shannon Rose (249)  
Louise Rose McKage (250)  
Mary Ruth Rose Moore (251)

(145) Harry Clawson Thomas  
Ona Gibson

Catherine Thomas Buckland (252)  
Rebecca Thomas Allen (253)  
Wilda Thomas Mann (254)  
Harry Thomas, Jr. (255)

(146) Rex Thomas

(147) Lynette McKeever  
Curtis

No Children

(148) Glendolyn McKeever  
Morris

(149) Dennis McNeill  
Leona Kessler

Dowell McNeill  
Hugh McNeill

(150) Pearl McNeill  
Paul Scott

Anna Pauline Scott Wilson

(151) Forrest McNeill	
(152) Clyde Budkley McNeill Irene McNutt	Steven McNeill
(153) Paul McNeill Elizabeth Fisher	Patricia McNeill
(154) Jay Buckley	
(155) Viola Winifred Buckley Aaron Aumiller	Forrest Stanford Aumiller Glen Omega Aumiller William Buckley Aumiller Betty Jane Aumiller Kenealy
(156) Joshua Enoch Buckley Martha Harris	Geraldine Rena Buckley Dilley Helen Jean Buckley Roberts
(157) William McNeill Buckley Eula McCauley	No Children
(158) Addie May Buckley Walter Graham	Mary Elizabeth Graham Weiford Jay Buckley Graham
(159) Ralph Barnette Buckley Dorothy Monroe	No Children
(160) Clabourne Park McNeill Nellie Lightner	Stowe McNeill
(161) Frankie McNeill Clyde White	No Children
(161) Frankie McNeill Albert Dennison	Eleanor Dennison Lambert Howard Dennison Martha Dennison Shober Albert Mark Dennison
(162) Ross McNeill Betty	Nayan McNeill
(163) Glendolyn McNeill Frank Goode	Glendolyn Rose Goode

(164) William McNeill Clarese	
(165) Dorothy McNeill Harold Budd	Harold Budd, Jr. John McNeill Budd
(166) Fred McNeill	
(201) Dale Adkison Veda McCoy	
(202) Isaac Adkison Dorothy Cunningham	
(203) George Price Adkison Nelda	Viola Catherine Adkison David Adkison Janet Adkison
(204) Paul Overholt Fenny Golden	Mary Frances Overholt Cochran Joan Overholt Hall
(205) Gertrude Overholt Tom Trent	Torrence Watson Trent Pamela Lucille Trent Keyser Meredith Overholt Trent
(206) William Overholt Lorna Smith	Robert Overholt
(207) Helen Overholt Ken Isaacs	No Children
(208) Earl Overholt Hannah Mary Coghill	Judith Lynn Overholt John Overholt Deborah Overholt
(209) Ward McNeill Laura Nelson	John Douglas McNeill
(211) Elizabeth McNeill C. P. Dorsey	No Children
(212) Louise McNeill Wilson	No Children



(212) Louise McNeill Roger Pease	Douglas Pease
(213) James McNeill Annabell Dunbrack	Michael Blix McNeill Cheryl Irene McNeill
(214) William R. McNeill Esther Henry	Scott McNeill
(215) Ray Tuckwiller	
(216) Eugene Tuckwiller	
(217) Donald Tuckwiller	
(219) Ralph Keightley	
(220) William Keightley	
(221) Fred M. Young Veda Moore	No Children
(222) Everette Paul Young	
(223) Helen Young Robert Jefferies	Robert Jefferies Barnette Jefferies Linda Jefferies
(224) Mary Thomas Waugh	
(225) Clarence Thomas	
(226) Irene Thomas Gillilan	
(227) Wanda Thomas	
(228) William Thomas	
(229) Dorothy Thomas Brewer	

(230) Dolly Thomas Rhodes	
(231) Glendolyn Thomas Fleshman	
(232) Margaret Thomas Crookshank	
(233) Frances Thomas Workman	
(234) James Thomas	
(235) Robert Thomas	
(236) Ruben Thomas	
(237) Harold Thomas	
(238) Jack Thomas	
(239) David Thomas	
(240) Fred Thomas	
(241) Gladys Thomas John Moore, Jr.	Vicki Lynn Moore
(242) James Harold Thomas Winona Eades	Lana Kay Thomas
(243) Harry Lee Thomas Louise Smith	Ellen Thomas
(244) Maxine Thomas Sam Harper	Beth Lorraine Harper
(245) Alfred Thomas Wanda Defibaugh	Timothy Thomas Kimberly Thomas William Guy Thomas

(246) Margaret Rose Edward Lutz	
(247) Mildred Rose Maurice Lang	Timothy Lang
(247) Mildred Rose Randolph Short	Ann Short
(248) Robert Rose Nola Jones	Sally Rose Robert Rose Thomas Rose
(249) Shannon Rose	
(250) Louise Rose Robert McKage	Robert McKage Edward McKage
(251) Mary Ruth Rose Jack Moore	
Steven McNeill Agnes McLaughlin	Bettina McNeill Somerville Jane McNeill
Forrest Stanford Aumiller Margaret Shucker	No Children
Glen Omega Aumiller Wilma Hayes	Maron Aumiller Dennis Aumiller Daryl Aumiller John (Jack) Aumiller Melody Aumiller
William Buckley Aumiller Ethel Klase	William Aumiller Walter Aumiller Steven Aumiller Gretchen Aumiller
Betty Jane Aumiller Wilbur Kenealy	Winifred Kenealy Jane Kenealy
Geraldine Buckley Charles Kermit Dilley	Charles Kermit Dille Martha Kay Dilley Elizabeth Buckle

Helen Jean Buckley -10-  
Phillip Roberts

Phillip Roberts Jr  
John Buckley Roberts



Mary Elizabeth Graham  
William Paul Weiford

Donna Jean Weiford Dunbrack  
Walter William Weiford

Jay Buckley Graham  
Helen Frances Cunningham

William Ervin Graham  
Elizabeth Ann Graham  
Jaynell Susan Graham

Stowe McNeill  
Nancy Siple

Perry McNeill

Eleanor Dennison  
Harper Lambert

Howard Dennison

Martha Dennison  
James Shober

Albert Mark Dennison

Mary Frances Overholt  
Howe Preston Cochran II

Howe Preston Cochran, III  
Paul Rossie Cochran

Joan Overholt  
Joseph E. Hall

Jeffrey Marshall Hall

John Douglas McNeill  
Vivian

Laurch Ann McNeill  
Rosemarie McNeill  
Grace Allison McNeill

Cheryl Irene McNeill  
Larry McCallister

Bettina McNeill  
Kirk M. Somerville

Dennis Aumiller  
Sally

Martha Kay Dilley  
Jacob Mullet

Charles Jacob Mullet

Donna Jean Weiford  
George Douglas Dunbrack

Addie Buckley Dunbrack

Torrence Watson Trent  
Irma Anderson Trent

Todd Meredith Trent

Pamela Lucille Trent  
Thomas Keyser

Sandra Dare Keyser  
John Trent Keyser

Meredith Overholt Trent  
Etheline Fink

Gale Elyse Trent  
Bruce Cameron Trent  
Meredith Lee Trent  
Kevin Hunter Trent

## THE BUCKLEY MEETING HOUSE

When John Buckley married Patsy Casebolt about 1800, he built a house on the west side of the Greenbrier River. It was located just north of the mouth of Swago Creek and about two hundred feet back from the river's edge. At that time a few people had settled in the community, and they were invited to come to this house for worship.

As the community grew the house became too small to accommodate the crowds, and it was decided to build a church.

This building was located just south of the present Lower Church (Bethel). It was a log building and was large enough to accommodate a small congregation. This probably was built about 1825. This church was located on land donated by the Buckley family. The lot was about one-half acre in size. The lot was used as a cemetery for a long time and is still used for that purpose.

The church was known as "The Buckley Meeting House". The congregation was a member of the Methodist conference, and some of the ministers came from Hillsboro to hold services.

Joshua Buckley II, son of John, became a Methodist minister and preached at this church. He did not like the government of the Methodist church and joined the separation movement, which was to become the Methodist Protestant Church.

About 1875 the congregation became aware that the log church was too small to accommodate the congregation and that extensive repairs would have to be made before long. They decided to build a new church on the grounds of the log church. Most of the work on this church was done by local men without wages. The McNeill and Buckley families contributed most of the materials and labor. Jefferson Killingsworth was the chief foreman.

William McNeill and his brothers were good ax men. They chopped the trees for the frame, and John Buckley, who was good with the broad ax, finished the smoothing of the frame timbers.

Some other frame materials were cut on the Buckley farm at the head of the Thomas Hollow. This was fine poplar timber. The logs were hauled by oxen to the church site. This was done in April, and at one time the snow was so deep it worked through the ox bows.



These timbers were long enough to extend from one side of the church to the other. This is about twenty-four feet. One of these timbers when it dried split at one end. It then was necessary to bore a hole through it and insert a wooden pin.

The boards were cut on a "up and down" mill. This saw was like a crosscut saw and was worked up and down by water power. The finishings inside were done by hand planes.

This church is now known as Bethel and is being used by the Presbyterian congregation with the permission of the Buckley family. The lot when not used as a church ground reverts to the Buckley estate.

April 6, 1940

Nelle Y. McLaughlin  
Marlinton, W. Va.

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My friend, Moody Moore, close observer of things in general and out of door things in particular, has been telling me for years of an Indian grave on the old road between the Jake place and Huntersville, about opposite the mouth of Browns Creek. In the days of his youth, he had hunted for the traditional jar of silver buried on the rising ground near the mouth of a stream, away back in the 1750's or 1760's.

His uncle the late William Moore of Browns Creek, had found a large heap of piled stones when he worked on the new road around the Jake Hill in 1890. He told the young nephew about it and Moody proceeded to investigate to see if by any chance this might be the place the treasure was buried.

Moving tons of stones, Mr. Moore found no silver, but he did uncover the bones of not less than a half dozen men. The bodies had been laid in a circle, feet to the center. One at least had been a man of gigantic stature, with a skull of unusual thickness. From the way his teeth were worn down, it was presumed he had been up in years when he met death. No silver was found, nor anything else to show whether Indians or whites had been buried there. The bodies had been placed upon the carpet of forest leaves and moulded, with no exhumation, and tons of stones piled upon them. The heap was circular and per-

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haps a rod in diameter.

The tragedy which overtook this party will remain one of the mysteries of these mountains. If they were Indians and the victims of a battle between tribes, I read the sign that they belonged to the victorious side. They were laid to rest with care on a pleasant bench in the full light of the rising sun. But if Indians, surely some stone weapons, implements and ornaments would have been found.

As for the whites, it is not unlikely that parties of hunters and trappers met death in the forest vastness of these mountains prior to the general settlements which began in the late 1760's and early 70's. Cold might wipe them out in the winter; the regulars of the standing armies of the Six Nations, in accord with provisions of the Treaty of Albany, 1722, would kill any whites trespassing upon Indian ground; a party of mercenary scalp hunters looking for scalps to claim bounty at Detroit in French and Indian war times, would murder whomever they found; or it may have been the work of a bloody band of outlaws raiding a camp for the winter fur catch. Indian regulars, mercenaries or white outlaws would leave the bones of their victims to bleach where they fell, to be gathered together for decent and perhaps Christian burial by the first party of white hunters.

Little or no record need ever be expected now to be found of such disappearances. There was a strong order by the King of Great Britain to keep out of the Indian Country



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on the Western waters. By solemn treaty he said that the Indian could kill with impunity any of his subjects so trespassing. No record of such loss, if known, would be upon the court books at Staunton. In the Augusta County records there now and then appears the notation of a man on the delinquent tax list or one wanted for debt or for trial or witness "Disappeared in the Greenbrier Country."

Along in the 1750's in the Greenbrier Country, "a days journey from Ft. Dinwiddie" on Jacksons River, a party of Indians, some say as many as fifteen, were killed by whites. This brought reverberations even to the King's court at London, and that mighty monarch made due apology to the Indian nation for the breach upon their people. The man responsible got out of it by saying he could not tell what kind of Indians they were; they looked like a war party of Shawnees to him, and he was taking no chances.

That sounded so like a Marlinton trick to me that I have always put Marlins Bottom as the place where it was pulled. However, the mound at Huntersville is twenty miles from Fort Dinwiddie---a fair days walk on mountain trails---and it may be this cairn marks the resting place of these friendly Indians done to death through excess of caution, to put the best face possible on the matter.

The absence of any personal belongings of stone would indicate burial after robbery. The care with which the bodies were laid away indicates to me burial by friends. The placing of the bodies on top of the ground may mean burial in the

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winter time on frozen ground, or merely lack of good digging implements and hurry to get away by the survivors. However, they did a good job of rock piling.

The good state of preservation of the bones is sign to me that burial could not have been long before the arrival of settlers in the Knapps Creek valley, about one hundred sixty-five years ago.

There are Indian mounds scattered all over this region; most of dirt but occasionally a stone pile. In some of them remains of men are found, with personal stone belongings. In others only the sign of fire is seen.

Talking about lost men in these mountains, I would say that for wholesale disappearance the "Sandy Creek Voyage" holds the record. This was a demonstration in force against the Indian towns on the Ohio River. It was staged in cold weather to catch the Indians in winter quarters, before they were ready for their spring time raids. The army traveled by way of the Big Sandy route. On the Tug Fork of Sandy on the way out a young buffalo was killed. The hide was hung in a tree to be taken on the return trip. The ones who did return that way were so hungry they cut the hide up in throngs -tugs-and ate it. Hence the name Tug River.

The winter had been mild east of the mountains, but when the army got well into the mountains there was one of those late snow storms with great cold which so often end up a mild winter. They talk about two feet of snow and twenty degrees below zero

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and no doubt the Sandy Creek voyagers experienced that much and more. The army broke up into small parties to work their way back to the settlements east of the mountains. How many perished from cold exposure and starvation is not known. I have no doubt that some of the parties attempted to return by way of the Greenbrier valley- the most direct route home for those who were from the Jackson River, Cow Pasture and Shenandoah settlements. There were two causes for the army breaking up. One was that each rugged individual composing the army had a better way home than the one proposed by the leaders. We have people in the mountains to this day who demonstrate such character. The other reason was that by breaking up in smaller parties, and spreading out over different routes, some would find game and get through, while if they stuck together all might perish. It is not an unreasonable guess that the bones under the rock pile near Huntersville might possibly be the remains of a party returning from the ill fated Sandy Creek Voyage. Anyway, these mountains were full of freezing, starving men, trekking back home in the deep snow and fearful cold of a late winter storm.

Some years ago a number of well preserved skeletons were found behind a wall under a rock cliff on the Greenbrier below the Buckley place at the mouth of Swago. My guess was that these were Sandy Creek voyagers. They were white men as they had long heads.

About the tradition of buried silver treasure in these



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mountains, the versions differ. The general run of the story is that a party of Frenchmen and Indians were traveling this way from the Mississippi Country loaded down with silver, making for Ft. Duquesne and Canada. At the mouth of a stream where a run came into a smaller stream, they found they were pursued. Here they buried pots of silver and sought safety in flight and never returned. I have heard the exact location is the mouth of Swago, Stony Creek, Douthards Creek, Clover Creek, Deer Creek, forks of Deer Creek, mouth and forks of Sitlington Creek, Indian Draft and most everywhere else. However, I hold there is little doubt that this treasure is buried on the waters of Stony Creek. Up on the family's Jerico Farms, there are still holes in the ground which a treasure seeker dug seventy years ago. I do not argue the matter but listen with patience to all who know where this treasure is, even to those who are so far off their base as to say that French Creek, in Upshur, or Jackson Mill in Lewis, or Peel Tree on Lost Creek and Clarksburg on the West Fork, in Harrison have the exact location.

From an Editorial written by Calvin W. Price in the  
pocahontas Times for May 1935.

A black and white photograph of a vast, snowy mountain landscape. The foreground shows a dark, possibly rocky or forested area, while the middle ground is dominated by a large, snow-covered mountain slope. The word "COOPER" is overlaid in a bold, serif font, centered horizontally and slightly above the middle vertically. The background shows more distant, snow-covered peaks under a light sky.

COOPER

James Cooper (1780-1845)

and

Nancy Agnes Wooddell (1785-1861)

of

Pocahontas County, West Virginia

Augusta, Rockbridge, & Bath counties, Virginia

by

Homer C. Cooper

145 Pendleton Drive

Athens, Georgia 30601

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Revised April 1968



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To: My Cooper Relatives  
From: Dr. Homer C. Cooper, 145 Pendleton Drive, Athens, Georgia 30601  
Re: Our ancestors, James Cooper (1780-1845) & Nancy Agnes Wooddell (1785-1861), married in 1805, of Augusta County, Virginia, and Pocahontas County, West Virginia.

This paper will be concerned with James Cooper and his wife, Nancy Agnes Wooddell, two of our ancestors of the sixth generation. My hope is that distributing this sketch will encourage you to send me additional material concerning these two ancestors. Please make suggestions concerning corrections and additions, for I plan to revise this paper for inclusion in a brief history of our Cooper, Wooddell, Whitman, and McKemy ancestors, which will be distributed among you when completed.

As was the case with an earlier paper concerning Joseph Wooddell, a major source of information for this paper has been the Wooddell family papers, now in the possession of Mr. Forrest Wooddell of Green Bank, Pocahontas County, West Virginia. I am grateful to Mr. Wooddell for permission to copy and use this material. I am also deeply indebted to Mr. Rockford N. Hamed, a native of Green Bank who now lives in Alexandria, Virginia, for introducing me to Mr. Wooddell and for sharing his extensive knowledge of the history and family relationships of Pocahontas County. Other valuable sources have been letters and conversations with members of the family, Chalkley's abstracts, Price's history, and the courthouse records at Marlinton, Staunton, and Lexington.

James Cooper (1780-1845) was born in Rockbridge County, Virginia on January 16, 1780, the youngest of the four children of James Cooper (-1781) & Jean McKemy. James' father died when James was less than two years old and he was reared in the Mossy Creek section of Augusta County, according to Price. Though Chalkley abstracts adoption papers for his two brothers, I found none for James and it is therefore most probable that James was reared by his mother, Jean McKemy, at the McKemy homestead near Mossy Creek. However, I have no direct evidence to support this guess.

Nancy Agnes Wooddell (1785-1845) was born in Augusta County, Virginia on December 13, 1785, the second child of Joseph Wooddell (1752-1834) and Elizabeth (-1820). I know nothing about her childhood. However, James and Nancy may have met at the Mossy Creek Presbyterian Church, which was founded in 1768 and in which both the McKemy and Wooddell families were prominent. There is also some slight evidence that James and Nancy's mothers may have been sisters, but I do not have conclusive evidence about this possibility.

Contrary to the statement of Price, which will be quoted later, James and Nancy were not married when both moved to Green Bank soon after 1800. I do not know whether James accompanied James McKemy, his uncle, or the Wooddell family on this move; since James McKemy & Joseph Wooddell were granted land jointly, they may have moved as a single party, with James Cooper in tow. Before his marriage, James Cooper earned a part of his living at Green Bank by teaching school, according to a bill now in the Wooddell family papers in the possession of Mr. Forrest Wooddell of Green Bank:

Dundry due to James Cooper for teaching school:

	L	S	D
Thomas Coberly, Dn to Cash	0	1	10
S. Jacob Nottingham, Dn to Cash	0	2	0
James Nottingham, Dn to Cash	0	2	0
James Nottingham, Dn to Cash	0	2	0

Stephen Minard, Dr to Cash  
John Suttain, In to Cash

L	S	D
0	12	0
0	12	0

Taken from the Book—it Being a Ballance Due me from the Employers January the 16th, 1804. James Cooper

James Cooper and Nancy Agnes Wooddell were married at Green Bank on June 17, 1805. Since Nancy was still a minor, the marriage bond was made several days before the ceremony between James and her father, Joseph Wooddell. Green Bank was still part of Bath County at that time and thus the following bond is on file at the Bath County courthouse, Warm Springs, Virginia:

Know all men by these presents that we, James Cooper and Joseph Wooddell are held and firmly bound unto John Page esq. Governor of Virginia in the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars for the use of the Commonwealth to which payment will and truly to be made to the said Governor or his successors we bind ourselves our heirs executors & administrators jointly & severally firmly by these presents sealed with our Seals and dated this 11th day of June, 1805.

The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas there is shortly intended to be had and Solemnized a marriage between the above bound James Cooper and Nancy Wooddel of this County, now if there be no lawful cause to obstruct the said marriage then the above Obligation to be void else to remain in full force:

Signed and Acknow.<sup>d</sup>  
in presence of  
Chs L Francisco

JAS COOPER  
JOS WOODDELL

Seal

After their marriage, James and Nancy settled near her father's homestead on a stream which is now called Cooper Run, a branch of Deer Creek, at an approximate longitude of 79° 48' 30" and north latitude of 38° 24' 45". Over the years, James acquired considerable land. Some of the boundaries of their land were specified in a deed to their son, Joseph, made shortly before James' death in 1845:

This indenture made and entered into this nineteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand and eight hundred and forty five between James Cooper of the County of Pocahontas and State of Virginia of the one part and Joseph W. Cooper of the County and State aforesaid of the other part, Witnesseth that the said James Cooper for and in the consideration of the sum of one thousand dollars to him in hand paid the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged by him the said James Cooper hath bargained and sold and by these presents doth bargain and sell unto the said Joseph W. Cooper and to his heirs and assigns forever the following certain tracts or parcels of Land to wit: One tract containing one hundred and fifteen acres deeded to sd Cooper by Mr Lamb and Betay his wife lying and being in the County of Pocahontas and State aforesaid on the waters of Deer Creek and bounded as follows: Beginning at 2 white Oaks corner to Solomon Conrad thence N. 60° W. 130 poles to 3 white Oaks corner to sd Conrad thence N. 73° W. 40 poles to a pitch pine or black pine S. 50° W. 54 poles to 3 black pines & Boon Tallmans line thence S. 7° W. 70 poles to a White Oak and hickory thence S. 65° E. 96 poles to 2 Birches a branch S. 14° E. 36 poles to a pine and white oak on the top of a ridge thence S. 65° E. 100 poles to 2 Chestnuts thence N. 5° W. 109 poles to the Beginning;

Also an other tract containing seventy five acres Deeded to sd Cooper by Mr. Warrick and James Tallman lying and being in the County and State aforesaid on the waters of Cartmels Creek a branch of Greenbrier River and bounded as follows Beginning at 2 maples and sugar tree S. 80° E. 36 poles to a white oak and ironwood thence S. 75° E. 40 poles to 2 maples on a ridge N. 60° E. 32 poles to 2 white oaks W. 72° E. 68 poles to a large white oak N. 22° W. 33 poles to a white oak and hickory on the top of a hill E.

94 poles to 2 Beeches by a branch S. 11° E. 110 poles to a forked maple in a draft and down the same to N. 83° W. 60 poles to 2 ironwoods N. 84° W. 204 poles to the Beginning.

Also another tract containing twenty acres adjoining the foregoing and Jacob Bible and bounded as follows to Wit. Beginning at 2 ironwoods corner to Jacob Bible and the old tract thence S. 15° E. 30 poles to 2 pines on a hill Side S. 77° E. 88 poles to 2 white Oaks N. 25° E. 16 poles to a spruce pine N. 66° W. 26 poles to a Spruce pine N. 15° W. 20 poles to a pine and white oak thence leaving sd Bibles line N. 83° W. 70 poles to the Beginning.

Also another tract Containing Eighty acres deeded to sd Cooper & Jacob Dysart Thomas Lamb and his wife lying & being in the County and State aforesaid on the waters of Deer Creek and bounded as follows to wit; Beginning at a Sugar Tree and maple corner to Wm. Lightner thence S. 88° E. 36 poles to a white oak and ironwood S. 75° E. 40 poles to 2 Maples on a ridge N. 62° E. 32 poles to 2 white oaks N. 72° E. 68 poles to a large white oak N. 28° W. 53 poles to a white Oak and hickory on a ridge N. 40° W. 58 poles to 2 white Oaks S. 72° W. 52 poles to white Oak S. 58° E. 14 poles to the Beginning on the other tract containing fifteen acres and adjoining the aforementioned tract and Deeded to sd Cooper by sd Dysart Lamb and wife.

Another tract Containing fifteen acres and Deeded to sd Cooper by James Tallman lying and being in the county and State aforesaid on the waters of Deer Creek adjoining the lands of Solomon Conrad, Patrick Bruffy, and Boon Tallman.

Together with the appertinances belonging to sd tracts or parcels of land to the sole use and behoof of him the sd Joseph W. Cooper and his heirs and assigns forever, and the said James Cooper for himself and his heirs doth covenant and agree with the said Joseph W. Cooper and his heirs, that the said James Cooper and his heirs the said parcels of land with all the appertinances thereunto belonging to the said Joseph W. Cooper and his heirs and assigns forever against the Claim of him the said James Cooper and his heirs and all and every other person or persons whatsoever will forever warrant and defend, in Witness Whereof the Said James Cooper hath hereunto Subscribed his name and affixed his seal this day and year above written.

Jas. Cooper Seal

Pocahontas County to wit—We Edward Ervine & Wm. Arbogast Justices of the peace in the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do hereby Certify that James Cooper a part to a certain deed bearing date the 19th day of March 1845 and hereunto annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed and desired not to retract it and desired to certify the sd acknowledgment to the Clerk of the County Court of Pocahontas in order that sd deed may be recorded Given under our hands and Seals this 19th day of March in the year 1845.

Edward Ervine Seal  
Wm. Arbogast Seal

James Cooper (1780-1845) & Nancy Agnes Wooddell (1785-1861) were the parents of nine children:

901 Elizabeth (Betsey) McKemy Cooper  
Born May 21, 1806, Green Bank, W. Va.  
Died May 8, 1845, Greenhill, Highland County, Va.  
Place of burial not known.  
Married April 4, 1844 to Samuel Woods

902 Malinda Cooper  
Born December 21, 1806, Green Bank, W. Va.  
Died \_\_\_\_\_ 1894, Pocahontas County, W. Va.  
Place of burial not known.  
Unmarried



- \*503 James Harvey Cooper  
 Born July 30, 1810, Green Bank, W. Va.  
 Died December 8, 1881, near Tanner, Gilmer County, W. Va.  
 Buried on his farm on Jessie Run, near Tanner, W. Va.  
 Married March 8, 1836, Pocahontas County, to Julia Ann Whitman  
 (born September 28, 1817, Anthonys Creek, Greenbrier County,  
 W. Va.—died September 20, 1903, near Tanner W. V.—buried  
 beside her husband), daughter of George Whitman, Senior.
- 504 Nancy B. Cooper  
 Born July 29, 1812, Green Bank, W. Va.  
 Died March 3, 1885, Pocahontas County, W. Va.  
 Place of burial not known.  
 Unmarried
- 505 John Thomas Cooper  
 Born November 28, 1814, Green Bank, W. Va.  
 Died April 9, 1878, Parkersburg, W. Va.  
 Place of burial not known.  
 Married October 31, 1850, near Fairmont, W. Va., to Louisa Lirpin  
 Linn (born February 15, 1825, Linn's Mills near Fairmont, W. Va.  
 died February 11, 1916), daughter of Robert Linn III (1781-1834)  
 & Catherine Lyon (1788-1856)
- 506 Margaret I. Cooper  
 Born February 11, 1819, Green Bank, W. Va.  
 Died January 25, 1895, Burnt House, Ritchie County, W. Va.  
 Place of burial not known.  
 Married March 12, 1844 to Enoch R. Hill (born January 13, 1821—  
 died August 6, 1896, Burnt House, W. Va.), son John Hill (1790-  
 1885) & Keturah Cunningham ( - ).
- 507 Lucinda Cooper  
 Born March 1, 1821, Green Bank, W. Va.  
 Died May 27, 1886, Green Bank, W. Va.  
 Buried Arbovale, Pocahontas County, W. Va.  
 Married December 21, 1843, Green Bank, W. Va., to John Alexander  
 Gillaspie (born December 22, 1815—died March 11, 1897, Green  
 Bank, W. Va.—buried Arbovale, W. Va.).
- 508 Joseph William Cooper  
 Born April 18, 1823, Green Bank, W. Va.  
 Died April 29, 1898, Green Bank, W. Va.  
 Buried Warwick Cemetery, Green Bank, W. Va.  
 Married first 1847 to Rachel Tallman Sutton (born October 21, 1822-  
 died July 12, 1863, Green Bank, W. Va.—buried Arbovale, W. Va.)  
 Married second January 16, 1868, Bath County, Va., to Harriett A.  
 Wade (born 1835—died about 1869), daughter of Henry S. Wade &  
 F. Arbogast.  
 Married third to Mary E. Arbogast (born 1845), daughter of Solomon  
 Arbogast & Nancy Nottingham.
- 509 Eliza Virginia Cooper  
 Born September 30, 1825, Green Bank, W. Va.  
 Died April 18, 1900, Dumore, W. Va.  
 Place of burial not known.  
 Married November 30, 1849, to Andrew W. Kerr (born 1828).

During the period from 1800 to 1810, several lawsuits arose among the var-  
 ious members of the McKamy family and between some of the McKamys and the children

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 JAMES NOTTINGHAM, IN TO CASH

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of James Cooper ( -1781). These suits were engendered, apparently, because some of the McKemy uncles had purchased or managed the property of James Cooper ( -1781) after adopting one or two of his children, then died intestate, which led to disputes between their own children and the adopted Cooper cousins. The records pertaining to these suits can be found in the Augusta County courthouse under "McKemy vs. McKemy—O.S. 147; N. S. 51—Bill, no date" (abstracted in Chalkley, Vol. 2, pages 127-128) and "Coopers Heirs vs. McKemy—O.S. 212; N. S. 75—Bill, May, 1809" (abstracted in Chalkley, Vol. II, page 167). Judging by the abstracts, these papers might contain information about the various Cooper-McKemy relationships, but I have not had an opportunity to visit the courthouse at Staunton. However, I do have a photostatic copy of a letter by James Cooper (1780-1845) to Mr. & Mrs. James McKemy, which was submitted as evidence in the Cooper-McKemy case cited above:

Dear Uncle & Aunt—These Comes to let you know that we are enjoying a Reasonable Degree of health at present and hope these may find you and your family in good health when they Come to your hand.

I have nothing material to inform you of at present only that I have Notify. Andrew Kenady to attend at Staunton at Garbers Tavern on the first day of the September District Court in order to Settle the Bond I have of my fathers on him and his Brother James, I wrote him to have the Bond he said he had against my Father (that is if there is any in being) or to have the money to pay it or I should enter suit against him as I could give him no longer Indugence.

I have some thoughts of going to Tenesee State this fall if I possibly Can—and wish you if it lies in your power to get me some mony as I shall stand in need of some to bear my expences—and also I want you or Some of you to be at Garbers on the day above mention. to meet Kenaday to see if he will have the Bond or money or what he intends to do and you will much oblige your Affectiate Nephew.

Mr. James McKemy

N. B. please to write to Bearer

James Cooper

July the 31st 1806

Bath County

I have compared the handwriting of this letter, which is in the Cooper-McKemy case records in the courthouse at Staunton, with samples of James Cooper's handwriting in the Wooddell family papers and there is no question but that the James Cooper (1780-1845) of Green Bank was the son of the James Cooper ( -1781) and Jean McKemy of Rockbridge County. Other evidence supports this relationship: the Wooddell papers contain a letter from James McKemy in which he mentions going to Lexington, county seat of Rockbridge, on business for James Cooper; the oldest child of James Cooper (1780-1845) was Elizabeth McKemy Cooper; approximate years of birth for James' older siblings, calculated from adoption and apprenticeship data in Chalkley (I, 273; I, 280), are consistent with James' known date of birth.

The above letter is also interesting because James mentions the possibility of visiting Tennessee. Though James was probably reared in the Mossy Creek area, he may have spent part of his early years in Tennessee; Chalkley's abstract of the Cooper-McKemy suit papers states: "James Cooper and others of the Cooper family moved to Tennessee." A thorough examination of the papers in the Staunton courthouse would probably reveal the basis for this statement. Some of the McKemy depositions in the two suits were from Knox County, Tennessee.

In addition to farming, James Cooper (1780-1845) also served as a Bath County constable for several years. As early as 1808, he carried out court orders, according to a document in the Wooddell family papers:

Bath County to wit—Whereas Charles Doneven in said County farmer hath personally come before me Sampson Mathews one of the Commonwealths Justices assigned to keep the peace in said County and hath taken a Corporal oath that

O. V. Mathews, Jr. to Cash  
James Mathews, Jr. to Cash

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he the Said Charles Doneven is afraid John McMahon in the Said County farmer and James McMahon the Said John McMahon's son will beat him (wound maim kill or do him some bodily hurt) and hath therefore prayed surety of the peace against him the Said John McMahon and James McMahon his son.

These are therefore on behalf and in the name of the Commonwealth to Command you jointly and severally that immediately upon the receipt here of you bring the Said John McMahon and James McMahon before me or some other Justice of the peace for the said County of Bath to find surety as well for his personal appearance at the next Court to be holden for the said County as for their keeping the peace in the mean time towards Citizens of this Commonwealth and chiefly towards the said Charles Doneven.

Given under my hand and seal in the said County the fifteenth day of September one thousand Eight Hundred and Eight.

To Jares Cooper Constable  
To Excute and Return

Sampson Mathews

Seal

James apparently continued as constable for many years, since Price (pages 100-101) states concerning the formation of Pocahontas County from Bath County:

Affairs having so far progressed, the formation of a new county was mooted and due arrangements made. A resolution to that effect was passed by the Virginia Legislature, March 1821 . . . One of the most memorable days in the social and civil history of Pocahontas County was the 5th day of March, 1822, when the first court was held . . . James Cooper was appointed Constable for the Head of Greenbrier, with William Slaven and Samuel Hogsett as bondsmen.

At his death in 1845, James was apparently still serving as constable, since the men who served as his bondsmen had to settle obligations which he had not settled before his death, according to a receipt in the Wooddell papers:

Recd 1 Dec 1846 of James Wooddell the acct of Patrick Bruffey Sheriff of Pocahontas County for the sum of \$13.78 & also for the sum of \$9.08 money paid by the said James Wooddell as one of the securities of James Cooper late Constable of Pocahontas County upon executions from the Superior Court of law & cls. for Pocahontas County in favour of the Gov. vs. said Cooper & his securities—said acct is now placed in my hands for the purpose of collecting the amt. thereof by suit of the estate of sd Cooper.

W. H. Terrill

James was a member of the Virginia militia, according to a document in the Wooddell papers:

At a Regimental Court of Enquiry held for the 127 Regiment of Virginia Militia at the House of John Bradshaw in the County of Pocahontas on the 26th day of November 1825.

Ordered that James Cooper Provost Martial to this Regiment be allowed three Dollars per day for Attending one Regimental and two Battalion Courts of enquiry during the Present year amounting in the whole to \$9.

Joseph Moore C.C.E.

Apparently militia allowances were paid from fine money collected by the sheriff, for on the reverse side of the above document is the following notation:

The Sheriff of Pocahontas County will pay the within sum of Nine Dollars to James Cooper out of any money in his hands Arising from Militia fines.

John Baxter Col. Comdt.



James also served as the local assessor and one of the receipts he gave to his brother-in-law is in the Wooddell papers:

1839—James Wooddell to the Com<sup>r</sup> of the Revenue for Pocahontas County. In to Entering by Divise two tracts of land on the land list 98 & 40 Acres of land Devised by Joseph Wooddell.

Jas. Cooper Com<sup>r</sup> Rev.

The year before his death, James prepared a will which was probated in December 1845 and can be found in Pocahontas County will book 2, page 265:

In the name of God Amen. I, James Cooper of the County of Pocahontas and State of Virginia being weak in body, but of sound mind and memory, and considering the mortality of the Human Body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make this my last Will & Testament, Revoking all others—First I Recommend my soul to God who gave it, my body to be Decently Buried in a Christian like manner, and after my Burial expenses are paid, and all my other just debts are punctually paid, I Will and Bequeath the Ballance of my property both real and personal in the form following:

First, I will and bequeath to my beloved Wife Nancy Cooper all my House hold and Kitchen Furniture except sutch as her Daughters has made and claims, also the controle of my House and House hold during her life time or Widowhood, her choise of two clocks, and my Family Bible during her life time, and then to be left to my Daughter Malinda, provided she out lives her mother the remainder of the Books to be equally divided between the ballance of the Heirs, I also will to my Wife Nancy Cooper, one Horse two cows and ten head of Sheep, and the Bees for the use of the Family, To my Daughter Betsy M. Cooper or her Heirs, I will and bequeath, one Sorrel Mare Saddle and Bridle, her equal proportion of Sheep, and one cow (exclusive of two cows that she claims as her own at this time), I also will and bequeath to my Daughter Malinda one Horse Saddle and Bridle one cow and her equal proportion of Sheep, also the same to my Daughter Nancy B., the same to my Daughter Margaret I., the same to my Daughter Lucinda, the same to my Daughter Eliza Virginia and to my son Joseph W. Cooper, I will and bequeath one bay colt one cow and his equal proportion of Sheep with his sisters, also my Rifle Gun & Shot Pouch, my Watch, and wearing apperl, also my Plantation with all its apertainances, including all the Farming Utentials and Wind Mill, during the Lifetime or Widowhood, of his mother or during the single sate of any of his Sister, Provided the above named J. W. Cooper mentains his Mother during her Life tim or Widowhood and his Sisters or sister while they remain Single and wish to live on the Place with him, by them giveing him what assistance they can towards their own support, and after the Death or Widowhood of my Beloved Wife, and after the marriage or death of all my single Daughters, the Plantation, is to be sold, Provided it brings what any three disinterested Free holders may say it is worth, the appraisors to be chosen by the Heirs liveing on the Plantation at that time, provided they can agree, if not, they are to be appointed by Court, and if my son J. W. Cooper complies with the above, He shall have two hundred dollars out of the price of sd. land and an equal Portion with his sisters, also all my interest in the Mountain Lands and Farming Utentials which is on or belonging to the Farm at that time exclusive of the Horse, Cow, Sheep, Gun, Watch and Cloaths, before mentioned, but if my son J. W. Cooper does not choose to mentain his mother and sisters as above mentioned, then my Beloved Wife is to have the Farm and Farming utentials during her life or widowhood for the benefit of her and her single daughters or in case of the death of her son J. W. Cooper while he is single, she is to have the same controle as if he should refuse to support her and her single daughters as above mentioned—To my son James H. Cooper, I will and bequeath Fifty Dollars out of the price of said land when sold, by deducting the Principal, without it's interest of a note which I hold on him out of sd. Fifty Dollars—I also Will and Bequeath to my son John T. Cooper Fifty Dollars out

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Nottingham, In to Cash

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of the price of sd. land when sold, and if sd. J. T. Cooper chooses he may have the surveyors Instruments at Thirty Dollars out of sd. Fifty Dollars and to have the same any time after my death.

Lastly, I constitute and Appoint my Beloved Wife Nancy Cooper and my son Joseph W. Cooper Executrix and Executor of this my last Will and Testament.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this Thirty first day of August Eighteen Hundred and forty four and 69th year of the Commonwealth.

WITNESSES PRESENT

Jas. Cooper

Seal

Boone Tallman  
John A. Gillaspie  
Jacob Bible

I do not know whether any of the objects mentioned in James' will, including the family Bible, are still in existence. I have had some correspondence with one of the descendants of Joseph William Cooper, but he does not know of anyone who has family heirlooms or papers. Since none of James' descendants now live in Green Bank, most of this material was probably destroyed or widely scattered when the various moves took place. Since Malinda, who never married, was living with her sister, Eliza Virginia Cooper Kerr, and family in 1870, according to the 1870 census, it may be that someone among the Andrew W. Kerr descendants has the family Bible and other objects.

James Cooper died on November 8, 1845. His son, Joseph William Cooper, operated the family farm and supported his mother until her death on November 29, 1861. During our brief visit to Green Bank in 1958, Mr. Hamed and I were unable to locate the graves of James and Nancy, but we did not have time to make extensive inquiries in the neighborhood or to search the old family homestead.

Price (pages 476-479) has written a sketch entitled "James Cooper", which I will reproduce in full, even though some of it duplicates my previous remarks, because Price's book is not easy to obtain, particularly outside West Virginia:

During most of the 19th century the Cooper name has been familiar in our region. James Cooper, the progenitor of the Cooper relationship, was a native of Augusta County, and was reared in the Mossy Creek section of that great County. Having married Nancy Agnes Wooddell, he came over with the Wooddells, very early in the settlement of the upper section of our county, and opened up property now (1900) owned by Robert N. Gum, near Greenbank, then known as Piney Woods. They were the parents of four sons and six daughters.

Elizabeth Cooper became Mrs. Woods, and settled at Greenhill, Highland County.

Margaret became Mrs. Enoch Hill and lived in Ritchie County. Her daughter Harriet became Mrs. Fling, and lived at Flag, Ohio. Nannie became another Mrs. Fling, and lived in Ritchie County.

Jane Cooper became Mrs. Andrew Kerr and lived near Dunmore. Her daughter Marsile became Mrs. Washington Hoover; Anne, now Mrs. Raymer Davis, near Greenbank; Caroline, now Mrs. Ginterwood Sutton, at Durbin. Her son William Kerr in Pocahontas, and John Kerr lives in Lewis County.

Lucinda Cooper became Mrs. John Alexander Gillespie, late of Greenbank. Her children were Taylor, Amos, and Wino, the three sons. Her daughters were Nancy, who became Mrs. George Beverage; Rachel, now Mrs. Henry Sheets, near Dunmore; Margaret, now Mrs. John L. Hudson, near Louise, Mary now Mrs. George Sheets, and Martha.

Nancy and Malinda are the names of James Cooper's other two daughters. Thomas Cooper died in youth.

John T. Cooper married in Marion County. He was a popular physician.

He resided a number of years in Parkersburg and then at Claysville, where he died in 1878. His daughter, Flora, teaches school in Parkersburg. His son James a foreman in machine shops at Parkersburg and other points. Another son, Arthur, is a Presbyterian minister in Illinois, and there are three children deceased. Dr. Cooper read medicine with the late Dr. Strather, of Warm Springs. He was prominent in church circles, being a ruling elder of a Parkersburg Presbyterian congregation.

James Harvey Cooper married Julia Ann Whitman, of Greenbrier County. They were the parents of five sons and three daughters. The daughters were Agnes who died in 1861, Julia Ann, and Rebecca. In reference to the sons we have this remarkable but sad record. They were all Confederate soldiers. Robert died in the war. James lost an arm in battle. John and Charles were each severely wounded, and George was killed in 1864 in battle near Fishers Hill.

Joseph W. Cooper married Rachel Tallman Sutton, and lived near Greenbank. They were the parents of four sons and one daughter: Rachel, George Clark, James Amos, John William, and Charles Calvin. In 1863 in the course of three weeks the diphtheritic scourge removed the mother, her daughter, and three sons by death. J. W. Cooper's second marriage was with Harriet Wade of Bath County. She lived about one year. His third marriage was with Mary Arbogast, near Glade Hill. Snowden, Walter and Vivian were the children of this marriage.

The writer would hereby cheerfully acknowledge the thanks due George C. Cooper for assistance rendered by him on the wayside, July 1, 1901, when we casually met near Marvin Chapel and took notes under an apple tree, the thermometer 96 degrees. Without the data given by this grandson of the venerable pioneer this sketch could not have been prepared and the name of a most worthy pioneer would have been overlooked.

James Cooper's name appears in the organization of the county as one of the constables appointed. He served the public as magistrate, assessor, and teacher of schools. He was regarded with high esteem for his honest and elevated character in social and business relations. He was a prominent member of the Liberty Church in the early history of that historic congregation, and his influence was ever for good morals, intelligence, and refinement of manners, himself being a fine specimen of what is termed "a gentleman of the old school", and was noted for his polite and gracious manners, correct and entertaining conversational powers.

We are indebted to Price for the above sketch. However, some minor errors should be corrected. James Cooper was born in Rockbridge County and married Nancy after coming to Green Bank. James Harvey Cooper had eight sons, five of whom were Confederate soldiers, and three daughters. With regard to these children, Charles was captured rather than wounded, George was killed July 15, 1864, in Loudoun County, Virginia, rather than at Fishers Hill, and Agnes died in 1856.

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If several years from now I have moved ~~anywhere~~ persons desiring to correspond about the history of the family can obtain my current address from the Alumni Office, Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio, or from the Alumni Office, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan.



August 1959

Minor revisions, April 1968

To: My Cooper Relatives

From: Dr. Homer C. Cooper, 145 Pendleton Drive, Athens, Georgia 30601

Re: Our ancestors, James Cooper (1780-1845) & Nancy Agnes Wooddell (1785-1861), married in 1805, of Augusta County, Virginia, and Pocahontas County, West Virginia.

This paper will be concerned with James Cooper and his wife, Nancy Agnes Wooddell, two of our ancestors of the sixth generation. My hope is that distributing this sketch will encourage you to send me additional material concerning these two ancestors. Please make suggestions concerning corrections and additions, for I plan to revise this paper for inclusion in a brief history of our Cooper, Wooddell, Whitman, and McKemy ancestors, which will be distributed among you when completed.

As was the case with an earlier paper concerning Joseph Wooddell, a major source of information for this paper has been the Wooddell family papers, now in the possession of Mr. Forrest Wooddell of Green Bank, Pocahontas County, West Virginia. I am grateful to Mr. Wooddell for permission to copy and use this material. I am also deeply indebted to Mr. Rockford N. Hamed, a native of Green Bank who now lives in Alexandria, Virginia, for introducing me to Mr. Wooddell and for sharing his extensive knowledge of the history and family relationships of Pocahontas County. Other valuable sources have been letters and conversations with members of the family, Chalkley's abstracts, Price's history, and the courthouse records at Marlinton, Staunton, and Lexington.

James Cooper (1780-1845) was born in Rockbridge County, Virginia on January 16, 1780, the youngest of the four children of James Cooper (-1781) & Jean McKemy. James' father died when James was less than two years old and he was reared in the Mossy Creek section of Augusta County, according to Price. Though Chalkley abstracts adoption papers for his two brothers, I found none for James and it is therefore most probable that James was reared by his mother, Jean McKemy, at the McKemy homestead near Mossy Creek. However, I have no direct evidence to support this guess.

Nancy Agnes Wooddell (1785-1845) was born in Augusta County, Virginia on December 13, 1785, the second child of Joseph Wooddell (1752-1834) and Elizabeth (-1820). I know nothing about her childhood. However, James and Nancy may have met at the Mossy Creek Presbyterian Church, which was founded in 1768 and in which both the McKemy and Wooddell families were prominent. There is also some slight evidence that James and Nancy's mothers may have been sisters, but I do not have conclusive evidence about this possibility.

Contrary to the statement of Price, which will be quoted later, James and Nancy were not married when both moved to Green Bank soon after 1800. I do not know whether James accompanied James McKemy, his uncle, or the Wooddell family on this move; since James McKemy & Joseph Wooddell were granted land jointly, they may have moved as a single party, with James Cooper in tow. Before his marriage, James Cooper earned a part of his living at Green Bank by teaching school, according to a bill now in the Wooddell family papers in the possession of Mr. Forrest Wooddell of Green Bank:

Bondy due to James Cooper for teaching school:

Thomas Coberly, Dr to Cash	L	S	D
B. Jacob Nottingham, Dr to Cash	0	1	10
James Nottingham, Dr to Cash	0	2	0
	0	2	0

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Stephen Pinard, Dr to Cash	0	12	0
John Shitain, In to Cash	0	12	0

Taken from the Book—it Being a Ballance Due me from the Employers January the 16th, 1804. James Cooper

James Cooper and Nancy Agnes Wooddell were married at Green Bank on June 17, 1805. Since Nancy was still a minor, the marriage bond was made several days before the ceremony between James and her father, Joseph Wooddell. Green Bank was still part of Bath County at that time and thus the following bond is on file at the Bath County courthouse, Warm Springs, Virginia:

Know all men by these presents that we, James Cooper and Joseph Wooddell are held and firmly bound unto John Page esq. Governor of Virginia in the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars for the use of the Commonwealth to which payment will and truly to be made to the said Governor or his successors we bind ourselves our heirs executors & administrators jointly & severally firmly by these presents sealed with our Seals and dated this 11th day of June, 1805.

The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas there is shortly intended to be had and Solemnized a marriage between the above bound James Cooper and Nancy Wooddel of this County, now if there be no lawful cause to obstruct the said marriage then the above Obligation to be void else to remain in full force:

Signed and Acknow.<sup>d</sup>  
in presence of  
Chs L Francisco

JAS COOPER  
JOS WOODDELL

Seal

After their marriage, James and Nancy settled near her father's homestead on a stream which is now called Cooper Run, a branch of Deer Creek, at an approximate longitude of 79° 48' 30" and north latitude of 38° 24' 45". Over the years, James acquired considerable land. Some of the boundaries of their land were specified in a deed to their son, Joseph, made shortly before James' death in 1845:

This Indenture made and entered into this nineteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand and eight hundred and forty five between James Cooper of the County of Pocahontas and State of Virginia of the one part and Joseph W. Cooper of the County and State aforesaid of the other part, Witnesseth that the said James Cooper for and in the consideration of the sum of one thousand dollars to him in hand paid the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged by him the said James Cooper hath bargained and sold and by these presents doth bargain and sell unto the said Joseph W. Cooper and to his heirs and assigns forever the following certain tracts or parcels of land to wit: One tract containing one hundred and fifteen acres deeded to sd Cooper by Mr. Lamb and Betsy his wife lying and being in the County of Pocahontas and State aforesaid on the waters of Deer Creek and bounded as follows: Beginning at 2 white Oaks corner to Solomon Conrad thence N. 60° W. 120 poles to 3 white Oaks corner to sd Conrad thence N. 73° W. 40 poles to a pitch pine or black pine S. 50° W. 54 poles to 3 black pines & Boon Tallmans line thence S. 7° W. 70 poles to a white Oak and hickory thence S. 85° E. 96 poles to 2 Birchies a branch S. 14° E. 36 poles to a pine and white oak on the top of a ridge thence S. 65° E. 100 poles to 2 Chestnuts thence N. 5° W. 109 poles to the Beginning.

Also an other tract containing seventy five acres Deeded to sd Cooper by Mr. Harrick and James Tallman lying and being in the County and State aforesaid on the waters of Carters Creek a branch of Greenbrier River and bounded as follows Beginning at 2 maples and sugar tree S. 80° E. 36 poles to a white oak and ironwood thence S. 75° E. 40 poles to 2 maples on a ridge N. 60° E. 32 poles to 2 white oaks W. 72° E. 68 poles to a large white oak N. 22° W. 53 poles to a white oak and hickory on the top of a hill E.

94 poles to 2 Beeches by a branch S. 11° E. 110 poles to a forked maple in a draft and down the same to N. 83° W. 60 poles to 2 ironwoods N. 84° W. 204 poles to the Beginning.

Also another tract containing twenty acres adjoining the foregoing and Jacob Bible and bounded as follows to Wit. Beginning at 2 ironwoods corner to Jacob Bible and the old tract thence S. 15° E. 30 poles to 2 pines on a hill Side S. 77° E. 88 poles to 2 white Oaks N. 25° E. 16 poles to a spruce pine N. 66° W. 26 poles to a Spruce pine N. 15° W. 20 poles to a pine and white oak thence leaving sd Bibles line N. 83° W. 70 poles to the Beginning.

Also another tract Containing Eighty acres deeded to sd Cooper & Jacob Dysart Thomas Lamb and his wife lying & being in the County and State aforesaid on the waters of Deer Creek and bounded as follows to wit; Beginning at a Sugar Tree and maple corner to Wm. Lightner thence S. 88° E. 36 poles to a white oak and ironwood S. 75° E. 40 poles to 2 Maples on a ridge N. 62° E. 32 poles to 2 white oaks N. 72° E. 68 poles to a large white oak N. 28° W. 53 poles to a white Oak and hickory on a ridge N. 40° W. 58 poles to 2 white Oaks S. 72° W. 52 poles to white Oak S. 58° E. 14 poles to the Beginning on the other tract containing fifteen acres and adjoining the aforementioned tract and Deeded to sd Cooper by sd Dysart Lamb and wife.

Another tract Containing fifteen acres and Deeded to sd Cooper by James Tallman lying and being in the county and State aforesaid on the waters of Deer Creek adjoining the lands of Solomon Conrad, Patrick Bruffy, and Boon Tallman.

Together with the appertainances belonging to sd tracts or parcels of land to the sole use and behoof of him the sd Joseph W. Cooper and his heirs and assigns forever, and the said James Cooper for himself and his heirs doth covenant and agree with the said Joseph W. Cooper and his heirs, that the said James Cooper and his heirs the said parcels of land with all the appertainances thereunto belonging to the said Joseph W. Cooper and his heirs and assigns forever against the Claim of him the said James Cooper and his heirs and all and every other person or persons whatsoever will forever warrant and defend, in Witness Whereof the Said James Cooper hath hereunto Subscribed his name and affixed his seal this day and year above written.

Jas. Cooper Seal

Pocahontas County to wit—We Edward Ervine & Wm. Arbogast Justices of the peace in the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do hereby Certify that James Cooper a part to a certain deed bearing date the 19th day of March 1845 and hereunto annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed and desired not to retract it and desired to certify the sd acknowledgment to the Clerk of the County Court of Pocahontas in order that sd deed may be recorded Given under our hands and Seals this 19th day of March in the year 1845.

Edward Ervine Seal  
Wm. Arbogast Seal

James Cooper (1780-1845) & Nancy Agnes Wooddell (1785-1861) were the parents of nine children:

501 Elizabeth (Betsy) McKemy Cooper  
Born May 21, 1806, Green Bank, W. Va.  
Died May 8, 1845, Greenhill, Highland County, Va.  
Place of burial not known.  
Married April 4, 1844 to Samuel Woods

502 Melinda Cooper  
Born December 21, 1808, Green Bank, W. Va.  
Died 1894, Pocahontas County, W. Va.  
Place of burial not known.  
Unmarried



## \*503 James Harvey Cooper

Born July 30, 1810, Green Bank, W. Va.  
 Died December 8, 1881, near Tanner, Gilmer County, W. Va.  
 Buried on his farm on Jessie Run, near Tanner, W. Va.  
 Married March 8, 1836, Pocahontas County, to Julia Ann Whitman  
 (born September 28, 1817, Anthony's Creek, Greenbrier County,  
 W. Va.—died September 20, 1903, near Tanner W. V.—buried  
 beside her husband), daughter of George Whitman, Senior.

## 504 Nancy B. Cooper

Born July 29, 1812, Green Bank, W. Va.  
 Died March 3, 1885, Pocahontas County, W. Va.  
 Place of burial not known.  
 Unmarried

## 505 John Thomas Cooper

Born November 28, 1814, Green Bank, W. Va.  
 Died April 9, 1878, Parkersburg, W. Va.  
 Place of burial not known.  
 Married October 31, 1850, near Fairmont, W. Va., to Louisa Lirpin  
 Linn (born February 15, 1825, Linn's Mills near Fairmont, W. Va.  
 died February 11, 1916), daughter of Robert Linn III (1781-1834)  
 & Catherine Lyon (1788-1856)

## 506 Margaret I. Cooper

Born February 11, 1819, Green Bank, W. Va.  
 Died January 25, 1895, Burnt House, Ritchie County, W. Va.  
 Place of burial not known.  
 Married March 12, 1844, to Enoch R. Hill (born January 13, 1821—  
 died August 6, 1896, Burnt House, W. Va.), son John Hill (1790-  
 1885) & Keturah Cunningham ( - ).

## 507 Lucinda Cooper

Born March 1, 1821, Green Bank, W. Va.  
 Died May 27, 1886, Green Bank, W. Va.  
 Buried Arbovale, Pocahontas County, W. Va.  
 Married December 21, 1843, Green Bank, W. Va., to John Alexander  
 Gillaspie (born December 22, 1815—died March 11, 1897, Green  
 Bank, W. Va.—buried Arbovale, W. Va.).

## 508 Joseph William Cooper

Born April 18, 1823, Green Bank, W. Va.  
 Died April 29, 1898, Green Bank, W. Va.  
 Buried Warwick Cemetery, Green Bank, W. Va.  
 Married first 1847 to Rachel Tallman Sutton (born October 21, 1822—  
 died July 12, 1863, Green Bank, W. Va.—buried Arbovale, W. Va.)  
 Married second January 16, 1868, Bath County, Va., to Harriett A.  
 Wade (born 1835—died about 1869), daughter of Henry S. Wade &  
 F. Arbogast.  
 Married third to Mary E. Arbogast (born 1845), daughter of Solomon  
 Arbogast & Nancy Nottingham.

## 509 Eliza Virginia Cooper

Born September 30, 1844, Green Bank, W. Va.  
 Died April 18, 1900, Green Bank, W. Va.  
 Place of burial not known.  
 Married November 30, 1869, to Andrew W. Kerr (born 1828).

During the period from 1800 to 1810, several lawsuits arose among the various members of the McKemy family and between some of the McKemys and the children

of James Cooper ( -1781). These suits were engendered, apparently, because some of the McKemy uncles had purchased or managed the property of James Cooper ( -1781) after adopting one or two of his children, then died intestate, which led to disputes between their own children and the adopted Cooper cousins. The records pertaining to these suits can be found in the Augusta County courthouse under "McKamy vs. McKamy—O.S. 147; N. S. 51—Bill, no date" (abstracted in Chalkley, Vol. 2, pages 127-128) and "Coopers Heirs vs. McKamy—O.S. 212; N. S. 75—Bill, May, 1809" (abstracted in Chalkley, Vol. II, page 167). Judging by the abstracts, these papers might contain information about the various Cooper-McKemy relationships, but I have not had an opportunity to visit the courthouse at Staunton. However, I do have a photostatic copy of a letter by James Cooper (1780-1845) to Mr. & Mrs. James McKemy, which was submitted as evidence in the Cooper-McKemy case cited above:

Dear Uncle & Aunt—These Comes to let you know that we are enjoying a Reasonable Degree of health at present and hope these may find you and your family in good health when they Come to your hand.

I have nothing material to inform you of at present only that I have Notify<sup>d</sup> Andrew Kenady to attend at Staunton at Garbers Tavern on the first day of the September District Court in order to Settle the Bond I have of my fathers on him and his Brother James, I wrote him to have the Bond he said he had against my Father (that is if there is any in being) or to have the money to pay it or I should enter suit against him as I could give him no longer Indugence.

I have some thoughts of going to Tenessee State this fall if I possibly Can—and wish you if it lies in your power to get me some mony as I shall stand in need of some to bear my expences—and also I want you or Some of you to be at Garbers on the day above mention. to meet Kenaday to see if he will have the Bond or money or what he intends to do and you will much oblige your Affectiate Nephew.

Mr. James McKemey  
N. B. please to write to Bearer

James Cooper  
July the 31st 1806  
Bath County

I have compared the handwriting of this letter, which is in the Cooper-McKemy case records in the courthouse at Staunton, with samples of James Cooper's handwriting in the Wooddell family papers and there is no question but that the James Cooper (1780-1845) of Green Bank was the son of the James Cooper ( -1781) and Jean McKemy of Rockbridge County. Other evidence supports this relationship: the Wooddell papers contain a letter from James McKemey in which he mentions going to Lexington, county seat of Rockbridge, on business for James Cooper; the oldest child of James Cooper (1780-1845) was Elizabeth McKemy Cooper; approximate years of birth for James' older siblings, calculated from adoption and apprenticeship data in Chalkley (I, 273; I, 280), are consistent with James' known date of birth.

The above letter is also interesting because James mentions the possibility of visiting Tennessee. Though James was probably reared in the Mossy Creek area, he may have spent part of his early years in Tennessee; Chalkley's abstract of the Cooper-McKemy suit papers states: "James Cooper and others of the Cooper family moved to Tennessee." A thorough examination of the papers in the Staunton courthouse would probably reveal the basis for this statement. Some of the McKemy depositions in the two suits were from Knox County, Tennessee.

In addition to farming, James Cooper (1780-1845) also served as a Bath County constable for several years. As early as 1808, he carried out court orders, according to a document in the Wooddell family papers:

Bath County to wit—Whereas Charles Doneven in said County farmer hath personally come before me Sampson Mathews one of the Commonwealths Justices assigned to keep the peace in said County and hath taken a Corporal oath that

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he the Said Charles Doneven is afraid John McMahon in the Said County far-  
mer and James McMahon the Said John McMaha son will beat him (wound main  
kill or do him some bodily hurt) and hath therefore prayed surety of the  
peace against him the Said John McMahon and James McMahon his son.

These are therefore on behalf and in the name of the Commonwealth to  
Command you jointly and severally that immediately upon the receipt here of  
you bring the Said John McMahon and James McMahon before me or some other  
Justice of the peace for the said County of Bath to find surety as well for  
his personal appearance at the next Court to be holden for the said County  
as for their keeping the peace in the mean time towards Citizens of this  
Commonwealth and chiefly towards the said Charles Doneven.

Given under my hand and seal in the said County the fifteenth day of  
September one thousand Eight Hundred and Eight.

To James Cooper Constable  
To Execute and Return

Sampson Mathews

Seal

James apparently continued as constable for many years, since Price (pages  
100-101) states concerning the formation of Pocahontas County from Bath County:

Affairs having so far progressed, the formation of a new county was  
mooted and due arrangements made. A resolution to that effect was passed by  
the Virginia Legislature, March 1821 . . . One of the most memorable days  
in the social and civil history of Pocahontas County was the 5th day of  
March, 1822, when the first court was held . . . James Cooper was appointed  
Constable for the Head of Greenbrier, with William Slaven and Samuel Hogsett  
as bondsmen.

At his death in 1845, James was apparently still serving as constable, since  
the men who served as his bondsmen had to settle obligations which he had not  
settled before his death, according to a receipt in the Wooddell papers:

Recd 1 Dec 1846 of James Wooddell the acct of Patrick Bruffey Sheriff  
of Pocahontas County for the sum of \$13.78 & also for the sum of \$9.08  
money paid by the said James Wooddell as one of the securities of James  
Cooper late Constable of Pocahontas County upon executions from the Super-  
ior Court of law & cls. for Pocahontas County in favour of the Gov. vs.  
said Cooper & his securities—said acct is now placed in my hands for the  
purpose of collecting the amt. thereof by suit of the estate of sd Cooper.  
W. H. Terrill

James was a member of the Virginia militia, according to a document in the  
Wooddell papers:

At a Regimental Court of Enquiry held for the 127 Regiment of Virginia  
Militia at the House of John Bradshaws in the County of Pocahontas on the  
26th day of November 1825.

Ordered that James Cooper Provost Martial to this Regiment be allowed  
three Dollars per day fer Attending one Regimental and two Battalion Courts  
of enquiry during the Present year amounting in the whole to \$9.  
Teste Joseph Moore C.C.E.

Apparently militia allowances were paid from fine money collected by the  
Sheriff, for on the reverse side of the above document is the following notation:

The Sheriff of Pocahontas County will pay the within sum of Nine Dol-  
lars to James Cooper out of any money in his hands Arising from Militia  
fines.

John Baxter Col. Comdt.



James also served as the local assessor and one of the receipts he gave to his brother-in-law is in the Wooddell papers: Page 7

1839—James Wooddell to the Com<sup>r</sup> of the Revenue for Pocahontas County. In to Entering by Divise two tracts of land on the land list 98 & 40 Acres of land Devised by Joseph Wooddell.

Jas. Cooper Com<sup>r</sup> Rev.

The year before his death, James prepared a will which was probated in December 1845 and can be found in Pocahontas County will book 2, page 265:

In the name of God Amen. I, James Cooper of the County of Pocahontas and State of Virginia being weak in body, but of sound mind and memory, and considering the mortality of the Human Body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make this my last Will & Testament, Revoking all others—First I Recommend my soul to God who gave it, my body to be Decently Buryed in a Christian like manner, and after my Burial expenses are paid, and all my other just debts are punctually paid, I Will and Bequeath the Ballance of my property both real and personal in the form following:

First, I will and bequeath to my beloved Wife Nancy Cooper all my House hold and Kitchen Furniture except sutch as her Daughters has made and claims, also the controle of my House and House hold during her life time or Widowhood, her choise of two clocks, and my Family Bible during her life time, and then to be left to my Daughter Malinda, provided she out lives her mother the remainder of the Books to be equally divided between the ballance of the Heirs, I also will to my Wife Nancy Cooper, one Horse two cows and ten head of Sheep, and the Bees for the use of the Family, To my Daughter Betsy M. Cooper or her Heirs, I will and bequeath, one Sorrel Mare Saddle and Bridle, her equal proportion of Sheep, and one cow (exclusive of two cows that she claims as her own at this time), I also will and bequeath to my Daughter Malinda one Horse Saddle and Bridle one cow and her equal proportion of Sheep, also the same to my Daughter Nancy B., the same to my Daughter Margaret I., the same to my Daughter Lucinda, the same to my Daughter Eliza Virginia and to my son Joseph W. Cooper, I will and bequeath one bay colt one cow and his equal proportion of Sheep with his sisters, also my Rifle Gun & Shot Pouch, my Watch, and wearing apperl, also my Plantation with all its apertainances, including all the Farming Utentials and Wind Mill, during the Lifetime or Widowhood, of his mother or during the single sate of any of his Sister, Provided the above named J. W. Cooper maintains his Mother during her Life time or Widowhood and his Sisters or sister while they remain Single and wish to live on the Place with him, by them giveing him what assistance they can towards their own support, and after the Death or Widowhood of my Beloved Wife, and after the marriage or death of all my single Daughters, the Plantation, is to be sold, Provided it brings what any three disinterested Free holders may say it is worth, the appraisors to be chosen by the Heirs liveing on the Plantation at that time, provided they can agree, if not, they are to be appointed by Court, and if my son J. W. Cooper complies with the above, He shall have two hundred dollars out of the price of sd. land and an equal Portion with his sisters, also all my interest in the Mountain Lands and Farming Utentials which is on or belonging to the Farm at that time exclusive of the Horse, Cow, Sheep, Gun, Watch and Cloaths, before mentioned, but if my son J. W. Cooper does not choose to maintain his mother and sisters as above mentioned, then my Beloved Wife is to have the Farm and Farming utentials during her life or widowhood for the benefit of her and her single daughters or in case of the death of her son J. W. Cooper while he is single, she is to have the same controle as if he should refuse to support her and her single daughters as above mentioned—To my son James H. Cooper, I will and bequeath Fifty Dollars out of the price of said land when sold, by deducting the Principal, without its interest of a note which I hold on him out of sd. Fifty Dollars—I also Will and Bequeath to my son John T. Cooper Fifty Dollars out



of the price of sd. land when sold, and if sd. J. T. Cooper chooses he may have the surveyors Instruments at Thirty Dollars out of sd. Fifty Dollars and to have the same any time after my death.

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Lastly I constitute and Appoint my Beloved Wife Nancy Cooper and my son Joseph W. Cooper Executrix and Executor of this my last Will and Testament.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this Thirty first day of August Eighteen Hundred and forty four and 69th year of the Commonwealth.

WITNESSES PRESENT

Boone Tallman

John A. Gillaspie

Jacob Fible

Jas. Cooper

Seal

I do not know whether any of the objects mentioned in James' will, including the family Bible, are still in existence. I have had some correspondence with one of the descendants of Joseph William Cooper, but he does not know of anyone who has family heirlooms or papers. Since none of James' descendants now live in Green Bank, most of this material was probably destroyed or widely scattered when the various moves took place. Since Malinda, who never married, was living with her sister, Eliza Virginia Cooper Kerr, and family in 1870, according to the 1870 census, it may be that someone among the Andrew W. Kerr descendants has the family Bible and other objects.

James Cooper died on November 8, 1845. His son, Joseph William Cooper, operated the family farm and supported his mother until her death on November 29, 1861. During our brief visit to Green Bank in 1958, Mr. Hamed and I were unable to locate the graves of James and Nancy, but we did not have time to make extensive inquiries in the neighborhood or to search the old family homestead.

Price (pages 476-479) has written a sketch entitled "James Cooper", which I will reproduce in full, even though some of it duplicates my previous remarks, because Price's book is not easy to obtain, particularly outside West Virginia:

During most of the 19th century the Cooper name has been familiar in our region. James Cooper, the progenitor of the Cooper relationship, was a native of Augusta County, and was reared in the Mossy Creek section of that great County. Having married Nancy Agnes Wooddell, he came over with the Wooddells, very early in the settlement of the upper section of our county, and opened up property now (1900) owned by Robert N. Gun, near Greenbank, then known as Piney Woods. They were the parents of four sons and six daughters.

Elizabeth Cooper became Mrs. Woods, and settled at Greenhill, Highland County.

Margaret became Mrs. Enoch Hill and lived in Ritchie County. Her daughter Harriet became Mrs. Fling, and lived at Flag, Ohio. Nannie became another Mrs. Fling, and lived in Ritchie County.

Jane Cooper became Mrs. Andrew Kerr and lived near Dunmore. Her daughter Nannie became Mrs. Washington Hoover; Anne, now Mrs. Raymer Davis, near Greenbank; Caroline, now Mrs. Gatewood Sutton, at Durbin. Her son William lived in Pocahontas, and John Kerr lives in Lewis County.

Lucinda Cooper became Mrs. John Alexander Gillespie, late of Greenbank. Her children were Taylor, Amos, and Wise, the three sons. Her daughters were Nancy, who became Mrs. George Beverago; Rachel, now Mrs. Henry Sheets, near Dunmore; Margaret, now Mrs. John L. Hudson, near Louisa, Mary now Mrs. George Sheets, and Martha.

Nancy and Malinda are the names of James Cooper's other two daughters. Thomas Cooper died in youth.

John T. Cooper married in Marion County. He was a popular physician.

Cooper, McKemy, Ferrell/Farrell, Wooddell,  
Gothard, Wilson, & Patton Families

of

Augusta & Rockbridge counties, Virginia

York & Adams counties, Pennsylvania

Blount, Knox, & Roane counties, Tennessee

Pocahontas, Gilmer, & Ritchie counties, West Virginia

Wayne County, Kentucky

Vigo & Sullivan counties, Indiana

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Cooper, McKemy, Ferrell/Farrell, Wooddell, Gothard, Wilson, & Patton

Our family is preparing a Cooper & McKemy family record and would appreciate information concerning the Cooper, McKemy, Ferrell/Farrell, Wooddell, Gothard, Wilson, & Patton families discussed below.

James Cooper (died 1781) & wife Jean McKemy

We are especially interested in information about James Cooper (died 1781) and Jean McKemy, his wife, who lived in Augusta County & Rockbridge County, Virginia, where James died in 1781. The will and estate records of James Cooper mention four children:

1. John Cooper

Born about 1771-1772. Apprenticed as a tailor, 1785-1789, and followed the tailoring trade for several years afterward. We have documentary evidence that he was living in Blount County, Tennessee, in 1801 and 1807, but no information as to whether he settled there permanently or married and had children.

2. Nancy Agnes Cooper

Born about 1775. Married after 1795 to William Gothard; settled in Georgia (where?); and had at least one son, John Cooper Gothard. Nancy Agnes died before 1809 and her brothers lost contact with her husband and son.

3. Thomas Cooper

Born about 1777. Adopted in 1793 by his uncle, James McKemy. Married March 7, 1798, Augusta County, Virginia, to Elizabeth Wilson, daughter of Robert Wilson. No further record of Thomas & Elizabeth.

4. James Cooper (1780-1845)

Born in Rockbridge County, Virginia, in 1780; settled at Green Bank, formerly Bath County, Virginia, now Pocahontas County, West Virginia, about 1802; and died at Green Bank in 1845. Married in 1805 to Nancy Agnes Wooddell (1785-1861), daughter of Lt. Joseph Wooddell (1752-1834) of Green Bank. James & Nancy were my great-great-grandparents. I have considerable information about them and their children which I would be happy to share.

We have no further information about James Cooper (died 1781) and would particularly like to know the names of his parents. We also would like to know more about John, Nancy Agnes, and Thomas: their dates and places of birth, marriage, and death; their spouses and children; and where they settled.

McKemy & Ferrell/Farrell

Jean McKemy was the daughter of John McKemy (died 1789) of Augusta County, Virginia. Her brother, James McKemy (born 1753), settled in Blount County, Tennessee, about 1787-1792 and applied for his Revolutionary War pension there in 1832. After the death of her first husband, James Cooper (died 1781), Jean married again, during 1781-1787, to a Mr. Ferrell or Farrell. We do not know the given name of Mr. Ferrell(Farrell), but suspect that he was the John Ferrell who purchased several items when the estate of James Cooper was sold in 1783.

Mr. Ferrell and Jean have not been found in all the records we have searched. The only two possibilities, neither confirmed, have been:

1. Wilkes County, Georgia, Deed Book MH, page 110, records that a John Ferrell and wife Jean sold 200 acres on Fishing Creek to William Low in 1790. We have no evidence that this John & Jean are our Ferrells

and would welcome any information you may have which would prove that they are or are not our people.

2. The third wife of James Ferrell (1732-1808) of Brunswick, Mecklenburg, Lunenburg, and Halifax counties, Virginia, was named either Jean or Jane. We have no evidence that his Jean or Jane was our Jean and would appreciate any information you may have about them.

We would certainly be grateful for any data you may have about Jean and Mr. Ferrell/Farrell. Except for the two possibilities mentioned above, they seem to have "disappeared" from the records!

#### William Cooper (died about 1796) of Pennsylvania

William Cooper of York & Adams counties, Pennsylvania, died about 1796. His daughter Eleanor married a McKemy and we suspect--but cannot prove--that William Cooper (died about 1796) was related in some way to James Cooper (died 1781) of Augusta & Rockbridge counties, Virginia. We think that William Cooper lived in what is now the Mount Pleasant Township of Adams County, but have not located his grave. From Virginia courthouse and personal records--we have not searched Pennsylvania records--we know that William Cooper was married at least twice (but not the names of his wives) and had at least five children (but not the order of their births):

1. James Cooper  
Lived in York County, Pennsylvania. Died during 1796-1807. Had business relations with a man named Archer of Guilford County, North Carolina.
2. William Cooper  
Living in 1808, but we do not know where.
3. John Cooper  
No data on him, unless he was the John Cooper in Roane County, Tennessee, in 1854.
4. Eleanor Cooper  
Married John McKemy (died about 1793), brother of my great-great-grandmother, Jean McKemy, wife of James Cooper (died 1781) and Mr. Ferrell/Farrell. Eleanor & John settled in Augusta County, Virginia.
5. Mary (Polly) Cooper  
Married Jacob Patton. Settled in Knox County, Tennessee.

If you have information about William Cooper (died about 1796) of York & Adams counties, Pennsylvania, particularly whether he was related to James Cooper (died 1781) of Augusta & Rockbridge counties, Virginia, we would certainly like to hear from you.

#### Final Note

Thank you very much for any help you may be able to give us. We want to share any Cooper, McKemy, Ferrell/Farrell, Wooddell, Gothard, Wilson, & Patton data with you. If I ever move, my current address can be obtained from the Office, Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio, or Alumni Records, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

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We have additional Cooper and McKemy information, relevant for our search but not easily placed within the context of our presentation above, which is presented below, followed by comments and questions:

In 1775, James Cooper (died about 1781) sold a mare for thirty pounds to Thomas Cooper.

"June ye 4th 1777. Then Recd. of James Cooper the Sum of Six pounds part of the money which William Cooper sent by Isaac Taylor from fort Randolph per mo.

Richard X Magee  
his mark

#### WHERE WAS FORT RANDOLPH LOCATED?

No date, but presumably during 1772-1779: James Cooper (died 1781) paid the debts of a John Cooper to Andrew McCampbell, George Reeve, James Young, Mary Kinkum, and Joseph Shanks.

In 1779, James Davies and wife Mary of Rockbridge County sold to Thomas Cooper of Rockbridge County, for 200 pounds, 102 acres on the forks of James River in Rockbridge County, Virginia.

In 1779, William McKemy and wife Ann of Rockbridge County sold to John Cooper of Rockbridge County, for 22 pounds, 90 acres on Kerrs Creek. Witnesses: James Cooper, William McCampbell, & William McMath.

In 1782, the inventory and appraisement of the estate of James Cooper (died 1781) included two Bibles. When the estate was sold in 1783, these Bibles were not included in the sale. WHERE ARE THESE BIBLES TODAY? They may have important birth, marriage, and death data.

In the hand of John McKemy, undated but presumably about 1783: a piece of paper headed "The Estate of James Cooper Decd. To Thos. Cooper." The first item under the heading reads: "To Cash paid to John Gilmore for Wm Cooper to order of Jas. Cooper."

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In 1785, a piece of paper, the face side of which reads:

Gentlemen—If any of you can Spare Some Cattle to Mr. Robert Rush let him have them upon my Acct. and take his Rct. for the Value he Receives them at and I will Give you Credit on your Bonds for the Same for I Owe him and cannot Get the money for him, and he agrees to take Some Cattle in part for what I Owe him. yr. Compliance will Oblidge Gentln. yr. Hum. Servt.

Sept. 12th 1785

John McKemy

To Messrs. John Cooper, Thomas Cooper,  
Joseph Thompson & Alexander McKemy

On the reverse side of this same piece of paper are two additional statements, the first of which is:

State of Tennessee // This day Isabella Cooper Came before us  
Blount County John Tedford and William Gault two of the  
Justices of the peace of said County and made oath that the five  
pounds fifteen Shillings Received for here is part of an arbitration  
between John & James McKemy Executors for the Estate of James Cooper  
Decd. and Thomas Cooper

John Tedford  
William Gault

The second of the two statements on the reverse side reads:

September the 14 1785--Received of Thomas Cooper five pounds fifteen shillings. Recd. by me

Robert Rusk

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During 1787-1795, a John Ferrell of Knox County & Hawkins County, Tennessee, was grantee for several parcels of land recorded in Knox County deed books, including a grant by the State of North Carolina ("Copied from Book B, Page 89, Grant 275"). WAS THIS JOHN FERRELL THE SECOND HUSBAND OF JEAN MCKEMY, WIDOW OF JAMES COOPER (died 1781)?

On September 20, 1785, in Augusta County, Virginia, John Cooper, "Son to James Cooper Decd. . . . and By the Consent of his Guardian John McKemy," was apprenticed to Thomas Hinds, a tailor. The indenture was witnessed by Benjamin Norton, John Middleton, and Eleanor Cooper.

In 1792, Thomas Cooper and wife Isabella of Rockbridge County sold to John Wilson, for 100 pounds, 100 acres in Rockbridge County, Virginia.

In 1796, John Cooper and wife Agnes of Rockbridge County sold to Robert Piper, for 100 pounds, 90 acres in Rockbridge County, Virginia.

Undated, in the hand of John McKemy: a paper headed "Thomas Cooper dr. To Jas. Cooper Estate" includes "To Cash paid When Going to Pitts Burgh, five pounds" and "To 1 Journey to Pennsylvania, three pounds ten shillings." WHAT RELATIVES DID THOMAS COOPER (born about 1777) HAVE IN PITTSBURGH AND PENNSYLVANIA?

In 1801, John Cooper ("heir to William Cooper, deceased") of Rockbridge County, Andrew Graham and wife Elizabeth ("mother to said heir") of Rockbridge County, and William Youel of Augusta County sold to George Wilson, for 300 pounds, 240 acres in Rockbridge County, Virginia, on Little Calf Pasture River.

In 1811, in Blount County, Tennessee, Isabella Cooper and Agness Townsley answered questions, under oath, concerning when and how long John Cooper (born about 1771) had lived in the household of his uncle, John McKemy, after the death of his father, James Cooper (died 1781). Apparently John Cooper lived in the McKemy household until June 1784.

In 1814, a William Gothard was a grantee in Knox County, Tennessee, deeds and in 1815 a William Goddard & Jane S. Campbell were married in Knox County. WAS HE THE WILLIAM GOTHARD WHO WAS THE HUSBAND OF NANCY AGNES COOPER (born about 1775; died before 1809), daughter of James Cooper (died 1781)?

#### Comments and Questions

The information above raises many issues which are relevant for our search for Cooper and McKemy relationships.

Unfortunately, we have not had an opportunity to search for the William Cooper (died about 1796) estate records in Adams & York counties in Pennsylvania, which might clarify many of the relationships among persons presented above. From the 1775, 1777, 1772-1779, and 1779 data above, we conclude that James Cooper (died 1781) had not only sons named John, Thomas, and James (who were either not born or too young to have been involved in those early transactions) but also other relatives, probably the William Cooper family of Adams & York counties, by those given names.

The 1801 Rockbridge County data suggest that a William Cooper (dead by 1801)

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had a son John and apparently a widow Elizabeth whose second husband was Andrew Graham. WAS THIS WILLIAM COOPER OUR WILLIAM COOPER (died about 1796) OF ADAMS AND YORK COUNTIES, PENNSYLVANIA? If yes, DID WILLIAM DIE IN ROCK-BRIDGE OR AUGUSTA COUNTY RATHER THAN ADAMS OR YORK COUNTY?

Apparently Thomas Cooper (born about 1777) was living in Blount County, Tennessee, in 1785, at which time he was about eight years old and the ward of Isabella Cooper. HOW WAS ISABELLA RELATED TO THOMAS AND TO HIS FATHER, JAMES COOPER (died 1781)? WAS ISABELLA COOPER OF BLOUNT COUNTY IN 1785 and 1811 THE SAME ISABELLA COOPER WHO WAS THE WIFE OF A THOMAS COOPER IN ROCK-BRIDGE COUNTY IN 1792? If yes, HOW WAS HER HUSBAND THOMAS RELATED TO HER HUSBAND, THOMAS COOPER (born about 1777)?

HOW--if at all--WAS AGNES TOWNSLY--in Blount County in 1811--RELATED TO THE COOPER AND MCKEMY FAMILIES?

In 1785, an Eleanor Cooper witnessed the indenture of John Cooper (born about 1771), son of James Cooper (died 1781) and ward of John McKemy. WAS SHE THE ELEANOR COOPER WHO MARRIED JOHN MCKEMY AND SURVIVED HIM? If yes, WAS THIS MARRIAGE A SECOND MARRIAGE FOR JOHN MCKEMY?

Thank you very much for your help. We are grateful for your assistance.

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Any change in my address can be obtained from the Alumni Office, Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio, or Alumni Records, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan. I would be happy to hear from Cooper & McKemy families at any time!

My cousins and I are descended from James Cooper (1780-1845), youngest child of James & Jean, and wife Nancy Agnes Wooddell (1785-1861) of Green Bank, Pocahontas County, West Virginia. James & Nancy had nine children: (1) Elizabeth McKemy Cooper (1806-1845), married 1844 to Samuel Woods; settled at Greenhill, Highland County, Virginia. (2) Melinda Cooper (1808-1894), never married; lived in Pocahontas County, West Virginia. (3) James Harvey Cooper (1810-1881), married 1836 to Julia Ann Whitman (1817-1903); settled near Tanner, Gilmer County, West Virginia; their son, Charles Slavens Cooper (1844-1921), was my grandfather. (4) Nancy B. Cooper (1812-1885), never married; lived in Pocahontas County. (5) John Thomas Cooper (1814-1878), married 1850 to Louisa Lirpin Linn (1825-1916); settled at Parkersburg, West Virginia. (6) Margaret I. Cooper (1819-1895), married 1844 to Enoch R. Hill (1821-1896); settled at Burnt House, Ritchie County, West Virginia. (7) William Cooper (1821-1886), married 1843 to John Alexander Gillaspie (1815-1877); settled at Arbovale in Pocahontas County. (8) Joseph William Cooper (1823-1878), married 1st 1847 to Rachel Tallman Sutton (1822-1863); married 2nd 1848 to Harriett A. Wade (1835-1869?); married 3rd 1869 to Mary E. Arboval (born 1845); settled at Green Bank in Pocahontas County. (9) Eliza Virginia Cooper (1825-1900), married 1849 to Andrew W. Kerr (born 1828); settled at Dumore in Pocahontas County.

If you have old Cooper, McKemy, or Wooddell records, such as letters, Bibles, deeds, etc., concerning any of these families, I would certainly be grateful if you would write to me.

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Since preparing the above statement, I have learned from two other Cooper searchers, to whom I am much indebted, that Wayne County, Kentucky, and Vigo & Sullivan counties, Indiana, are relevant:

1. Frederick Cooper was born in 1759 in York County, Pennsylvania, from which county he first served in the Revolution; in 1780, he moved to Rowan County, North Carolina, where he served again; and in 1799 moved to Wayne County, Kentucky. Frederick Cooper (1759- ) married in 1783 to Dorothy Brown, by whom he had the following children (with years of birth): Katy, 1784; Anne, 1786; Henry, 1790; John, 1793; William, 1795; Abraham, 1798; Isaac, 1805; and Jacob, 1808. WHO WERE THE PARENTS OF FREDERICK COOPER?

2. James Cooper and wife Mary Werr were living in Blount County, Tennessee, when their son, Alexander Cooper, was born in 1817. In 1823, the family moved to Sullivan County, Indiana; in 1824, they moved to Vigo County, Indiana, where both James & Mary died in 1855. Alexander Cooper married Elizabeth McGriff in 1842, was a member of the Christian Church, and served two terms as county surveyor in Vigo County. WHO WERE THE PARENTS OF JAMES COOPER (died 1855)? WHEN AND WHERE WAS JAMES BORN? DID JAMES AND MARY HAVE OTHER CHILDREN?

Several other miscellaneous notes seem worthy of inclusion in our summary of Cooper & McKemy families:

3. In 1795, James Cooper and wife Hannah of York County, Pennsylvania, conveyed to John McKemy of Augusta County, Virginia, for 110 pounds, 110 acres on both sides of the North River of "Shenando" in Augusta County. Witnesses: William McKemy, Eleanor McKemy, William Walker, Jr. WAS THIS JAMES COOPER THE JAMES COOPER (died during 1796-1807) WHO WAS A SON OF WILLIAM COOPER (died about 1796) OF PENNSYLVANIA?

Also, the Evergreen Cemetery, Gettysburg, Adams County, Pennsylvania, contains the graves of a Hannah Cooper (1756-1822), Thomas J. Cooper (1797-1875) and wives Margaret & Elizabeth, and Martha Toot Cooper (1818-1871). WAS HANNAH COOPER THE WIFE OF JAMES COOPER?

4. According to a history of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, John Bradshaw (1758-1834) "married Miss Nancy McKemie, in the vicinity of Parnassus," before moving from Augusta County to Pocahontas County. WAS NANCY'S FULL NAME NANCY AGNES McKEMY? WAS SHE THE DAUGHTER AGNES MENTIONED IN THE WILL OF JOHN McKEMY (died 1789) OF AUGUSTA COUNTY, WHO ALSO MENTIONED A GRANDSON, JOHN BRADSHAW, IN HIS WILL?

5. The will of James McKemy, Sr., written in 1817 and probated in 1818 in Augusta County, Virginia, left to wife Agnes and the following children: James McKemy (who inherited his father's plantation), Jane McKemy ("one half of My Greenbrier plantation, consisting of more than Three Hundred acres"), Nancy Maghead, John McKemy, and Hiram. One clause states:

Again as to the law suit respecting the Negrows now depending in the state of N. Carolina, should the result prove favorable my will is that my son, James, should satisfy himself for his Tr. divide the Ballance equally among all

WHAT NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY WAS THE SITE OF THE SUIT?



6. The Old Providence Church cemetery in Rockbridge County, Virginia, contains these four graves, lying consecutively in the same row: Robert Cooper (1738-1816); Susanna Cooper (1742-1817); John Cooper, died March 1, 1828, 57th year; and Margaret Cooper (1774-1847). I assume that John was the son of Robert & Susanna but, on the other hand, COULD HE HAVE BEEN THE JOHN COOPER (born about 1771) WHO WAS THE SON OF JAMES COOPER (died 1781)? Two other Cooper graves, some distance away, are in the cemetery: Susan A. H. Cooper (1778-1838), wife of Joseph Cooper; and Robert Cooper (1805-1840).

7. I have an incomplete note about a John Cooper who was born in 1777, Rockbridge County, Virginia; died 1861, Blendon, Ohio; served in the War of 1812; and married Polly Craig. WHOSE SON WAS HE?

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A generous and keen-eyed friend found a connection between Cooper families in York County, Pennsylvania, and York County, South Carolina:

8. The will of a John Cooper, written in 1812, probated 1824 (place not determined), mentions the estate of his deceased father (not named in the will) in York County, Pennsylvania. John also names wife Elizabeth and children: Margaret, Robert, Elizabeth Davidson, William, John, and Mary Wallace. WHO WAS THE FATHER OF THIS JOHN COOPER?

This family is found again in the will of Robert Cooper, probated in 1842 in York County, South Carolina. Since his wife Mary predeceased, Robert left his estate to: John Cooper, a brother in Kentucky; James Cooper, a brother in Georgia; William Cooper, a brother in Tennessee; Mary Wallace, a sister in Virginia; Elizabeth Davidson, a sister in Yorkville, South Carolina, to have the plantation where Peter Harris lives; niece Jane Ferguson of Kentucky, daughter of brother John; niece Elizabeth Powell of Virginia, daughter of sister Mary Wallace; niece Mary Eliza Alston and her two children of South Carolina; nephews Robert Cooper and John Cooper of Tennessee, sons of brother William. Mentions his plantation in York County, South Carolina, "where Stephen Belk lives."